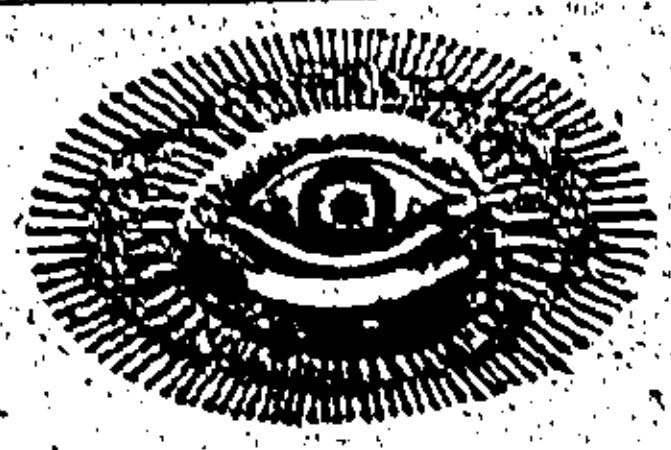


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Kowloon ...Dep.	6.40	8.05	9.30	10.55	12.20	1.45	3.10	4.35	6.00	7.25	8.50	10.15	11.40	1.05	2.30
Yauwalei ...Dep.	6.50	8.15	9.40	11.05	12.30	1.55	3.20	4.45	6.10	7.35	9.00	10.25	11.50	1.25	2.50
Shatin ...Dep.	7.02	8.27	9.52	11.17	12.42	2.07	3.32	4.57	6.22	7.47	9.12	10.37	12.02	1.27	2.52
Taipei ...Dep.	7.16	8.41	10.06	11.31	12.56	2.21	3.46	5.11	6.36	8.01	9.26	10.51	12.16	1.41	3.06
Taipei Market ...Dep.	7.31	8.56	10.21	11.46	13.11	2.36	4.01	5.26	6.51	8.16	9.41	11.06	12.31	1.56	3.21
Fanning ...Dep.	7.38	9.03	10.28	11.53	13.18	2.43	4.08	5.33	6.58	8.23	9.48	11.13	12.38	2.03	3.28
Shamshui ...Dep.	7.56	9.21	10.46	12.11	13.36	2.61	4.16	5.41	7.06	8.31	9.56	11.21	12.46	2.21	3.46
Shamshui ...Arr.	7.42	9.07	10.32	11.57	13.22	2.57	4.12	5.37	7.02	8.27	9.52	11.17	12.42	2.07	3.32
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Shatin ...Dep.	7.58	9.23	10.48	12.13	13.38	3.03	4.28	5.53	7.08	8.33	9.58	11.23	12.48	14.03	15.28
Yauwalei ...Dep.	8.12	9.37	11.02	12.27	13.52	3.17	4.42	5.67	7.22	8.47	9.72	10.97	12.22	13.47	15.02
Kowloon ...Arr.	8.20	9.45	11.10	12.35	14.00	3.25	4.50	5.75	7.00	8.25	9.50	11.15	12.40	14.05	15.30

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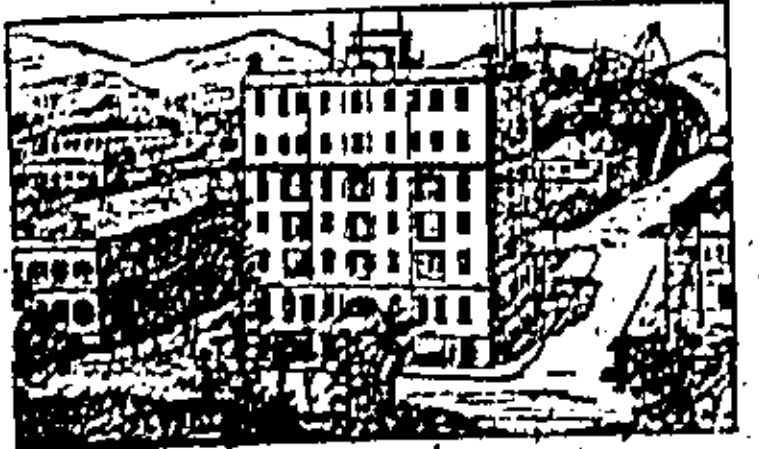
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"TRUTH" NOW AND IN "LABBY'S" DAY.

### PHYSICALLY DEFECTIVE MOTORISTS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, January 15th.  
It is a good indication of the trend of opinion here that Mr. A. J. Cook, the notorious Secretary of the Motorists' Federation, who was in the limelight during the coal strike, makes no more impression than a damp squib. He has returned from a visit to Moscow, where he was feted by the Soviet Government and treated like an illustrious visitor. His speeches declaring that England was almost ready for Revolution made even the Socialists in this country ashamed. Now that he is back, he is shouting on platforms in Wales and elsewhere that there can never be peace in the coalfields; but it has no more effect than a dog barking up a tree. Most of the newspapers refrain from recording his stupid ranting, and take no notice of him at all.

It makes all decent people sick to think a man like Mr. Cook should go to Russia and about treason. "You won the Revolution through blood," he told the admiring Russian. "What you have done we must do." Of course, in his heart he must have known this was a colossal non-sense, but if he did not know this he must know it now. Mr. Cook left Moscow pledged to Revolution in England. He landed here to find that the men he misled last year are back in the mines, that the factories and workshops are beginning to hum as they have not hummed for months, that there is a new spirit abroad in the trade unions—that, in short, nobody has time for Cookism. It must be a very disconcerting. Mr. Cook fooled a lot of people in 1926 but the position will be reversed in 1927.

### Jabber of "Truth."

The popular weekly paper, *Truth*, has just celebrated its jubilee, and the story of its early days when it was founded by Mr. Henry Labouchere, is told in a special supplement. *Truth* has had a lively and varied history. It claims that it is the only survivor of the "social weeklies" which were popular at the end of last century. Before long the daily papers and illustrated weeklies stole the "society" business from them. But *Truth* survived because it very soon ceased to be a society paper and struck out on the lines which it has followed ever since.

It is still, as it always has been in the course of its history, an honest and courageous critic of abuses. It has done inestimable service to the community in showing up moneylending harpies and pious humbugs.

### "Walker."

In the early days all sorts of prominent people wrote for *Truth*. They were people with inside knowledge, but their identity was carefully guarded. Labouchere—known to everyone in his day as "Labby"—conceived the extraordinary idea of making the identity of his contributors an editorial secret, designed to protect them against the consequences of plain speaking. The knowledge encouraged them to state what they knew with perfect freedom. Many of them did so, and there were plenty of actions for libel.

Each contributor bore the name of "Walker" with a Christian name selected by the fancy of the manager. The real name of every Walker was recorded in a private book to which only the manager had access, so that if the office had been raided by the police it would have been impossible to identify the writer of any paragraph. This was a characteristic piece of "Labby's" ingenuity and love of mystification.

### Tests For Motorists.

It is one of the proud boasts of people in this country that there is very little interference with individual liberty. But it is possible to carry it too far. This week a Court was convicted at a Police Court on his motor-car; and it came out in evidence that he was deaf and dumb and had very bad eyesight. Yet despite these disadvantages he was granted a licence to drive his car. It was nobody's business to ascertain before he got the licence that he was a fit and proper person to be in control of a motor.

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## CHINESE NEW YEAR IN SINGAPORE.

### POLICE THREATENED BY ANGRY CROWD.

### GAMBLING DENS RAIDED.

The Singapore police were busy during the Chinese New Year holidays rounding up large numbers of gamblers. The result was the appearance in the Police Courts on February 4th of about 150 Chinese, charged with playing in common gaming houses.

A raid on a house in Purvis Street by Mr. Nicol and some 20 police, resulted in exciting scenes, which threatened to develop seriously. There were a large number of Chinese in the house when the police entered. Some of the men got away, but 34 were arrested and produced before Mr. Bull, in the Second Police Court.

### Large Sums Found.

Occupiers of houses in Purvis Street had been warned that there was to be no gambling. Large sums of money were found on some of the accused.

A fine of \$12, or in default 14 days' imprisonment, was inflicted on each of the Chinese, with exception of three men, two of whom were fined \$20 and the other \$15.

On February 3rd Mr. Nicol raided houses in Beach Road, Kallang Road, and Java Road.

A Chinese detective was unfortunate in being caught in the company of a group of Chinese playing dominoes in 308, Beach Road. With the others who were arrested together with him, he was charged in the Second Police Court with playing in a common gaming house.

Each of the accused was fined \$7 except the first man who, although he stated that he was only a coffee shop coolie, had the largest sum of money on his person when arrested.

In 258, Kallang Road, the police found a large number of gamblers playing in the front room of a barber's shop and many arrests were effected.

The men pleaded guilty before Mr. Bull and fines were inflicted.

Over 30 other Chinese, who were arrested in a house in Purvis Street, were remanded for trial, the accused having engaged counsel for their defence.—Singapore Free Press.

The case has naturally attracted attention, and serves as a reminder that new motoring legislation is long overdue. There have been demands for tests for motorists for some time, and legislation has been promised, but the increase in the number of motorists, coupled with the daily toll of accidents on the roads, has now made it clear that the promise must be fulfilled as soon as possible.

In other countries before a motor driver can get a licence he (or she) must give some evidence of skill and physical fitness, particularly as regards eyesight. As things stand in Britain, anyone, irrespective of bodily fitness, can take out a motor licence on payment of a fee of five shillings, and take charge of what is virtually an express train running through the streets.

The public now look to the Ministry of Transport to insist on a test for motorists before a licence is issued.

### Red Tape and Broadcasting.

The British Broadcasting Corporation having been superseded by a Corporation working under Government auspices, the public are naturally making comparisons.

There is a feeling in some quarters that the programmes are not so good; but I think it is too soon to judge. But there is a disposition to use red tape without which no Government Department has ever been known to function. It is amusing to learn that recently a socialist described as a "Continental tenor of repute," offered his services for broadcasting and that he received a form asking for his name in full, name of teacher, duration of study and where, recent appearances, awards gained in competitions, etc.

One aches to hear of similar questions addressed to George Bobey requesting particulars of his diploma, or to Faderewski for details of his tenor, or to Jago Collins for a list of her "awards."—H.B.

## THE WEEK'S DIARY.

### To-day.

Extraordinary meetings of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.; British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.; and The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Union Building, at noon, 12.15 p.m., and 1.30 p.m. respectively.

Mother's Union, Sale of Work Helena May Institute, 3 p.m.  
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.  
Hotel Savoy tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Volunteers route march, 5.15 p.m.  
H.K. Chinese Amateur Ath. Association dinner to Eastern China Football Team, South China Restaurant 5 p.m.  
Queen's Theatre: "Dance Madness."

World Theatre: "Siegfried."  
Star Theatre: "The Social Code."

Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe via Siberia (Sphinx). Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Sphinx), 2.30 p.m.; Australia, etc. (Change), 10.30 a.m.

### Wednesday.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.  
Hotel Savoy tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Hockey: H.K. Hockey Club v. H.K.S.R.A. U.S.R.C., 5 p.m.  
Concert Italian Convent School, Caine Road, 5.30 p.m.  
Dedication St. John's Cathedral Organ, 5.45 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Dance Madness."  
World Theatre: "Siegfried."  
Star Theatre: "The Social Code."

Principal Mails:—Outward: Canada, America, etc., Europe via Vancouver, B.C. and via Siberia (Empress of Russia), 10 a.m.; Canada, America, etc., Europe via Victoria and via Siberia (President McKinley), 3.30 p.m.

Thursday.  
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.  
Hotel Savoy tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Musical, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.  
H.K. Philharmonic Society rehearsal (H.M.S. Pinafire), Cathedral Hall, 5.45 p.m.

Debate, European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, 9 p.m.  
Queen's Theatre: "Brown of Harvard."

World Theatre: "Texas Streak."  
Star Theatre: "His Jazz Bride."  
Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A., etc. (President Jefferson). Outward: via Suez (Mongolia), 5 p.m.; via Siberia (Mongolia), 5 p.m.; via Suez (Mongolia), 5 p.m.

Friday.  
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.  
Hotel Savoy tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral, by Mr. F. Mason, 5.45 p.m.  
Victoria Recreation Club annual meeting, 6 p.m.

Kowloon Cricket Club dance, Hotel Savoy, 9 p.m.  
Queen's Theatre: "Brown of Harvard."

World Theatre: "Texas Streak."  
Star Theatre: "His Jazz Bride."  
Principal Mails:—Inward: Australia (Tango Maru).

Saturday.  
First Committee Meeting for New Territories Development Show.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.  
Hotel Savoy tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Race Meeting, Macao.  
Club: Ladies; Bogey pool, Fanning.  
Yachting: Presented Cups Race, for all classes.

H.M.S. *Hermes* dance, Hotel Savoy, 8.30 p.m.  
Queen's Theatre: "Brown of Harvard."

World Theatre: "Texas Streak."  
Star Theatre: "His Jazz Bride."  
Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A., etc. (Shinyo Maru), 10 a.m.

Sunday.  
Golf: Junior Championship Semi-final; Bogey Pool, Fanning.  
Race Meeting, Macao.

Yachting: Re-sail of 1st Championship race, cruisers.  
Queen's Theatre: "Marriage Clause."  
World Theatre: "Prairie Wife."  
Star Theatre: "The Ten Commandments."

Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A., etc. (Shinyo Maru), 10 a.m.

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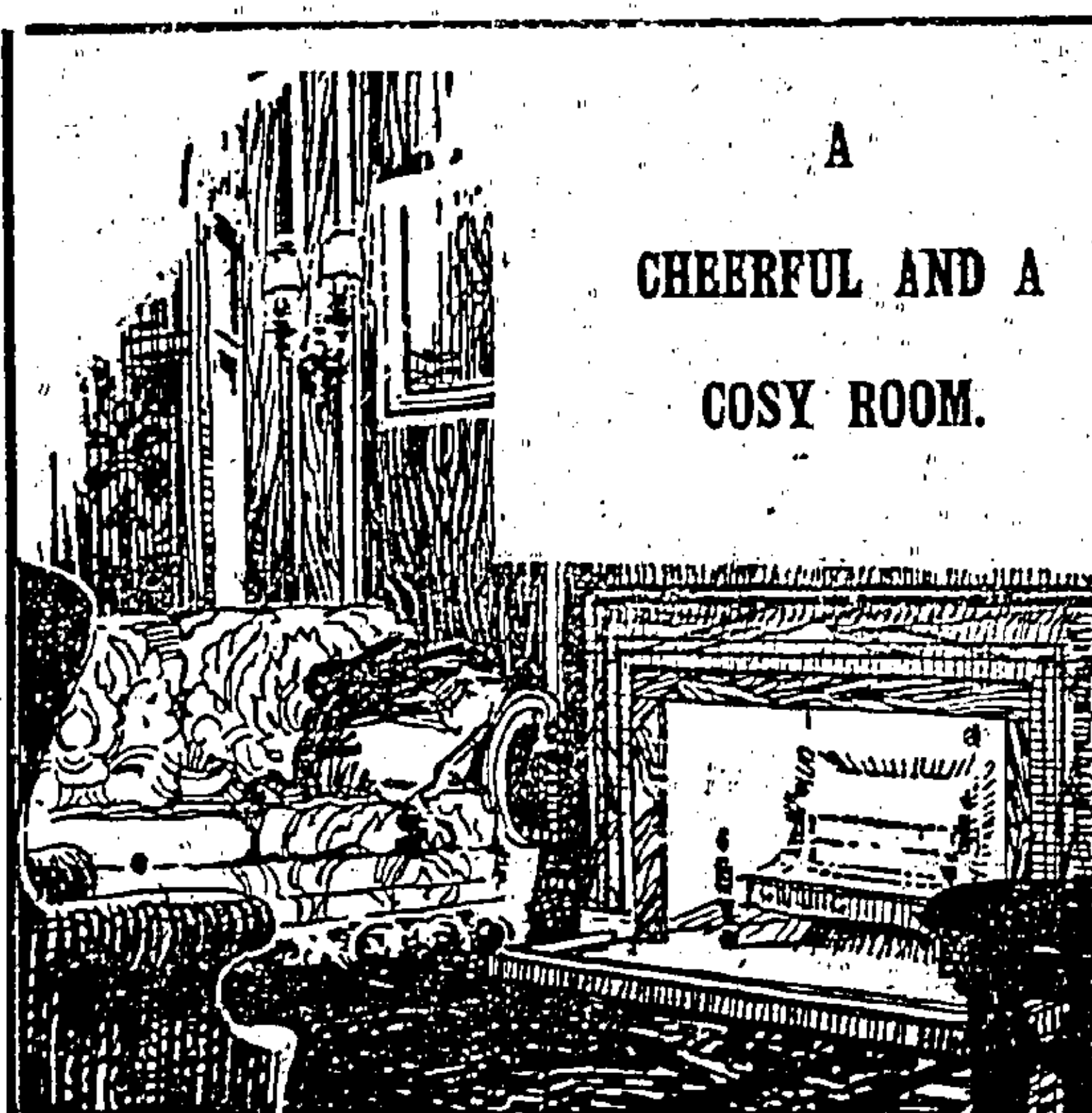
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The funeral of the late Mr. George William Avenell, D.C.M., of Messrs. Lane, Crawford's staff, whose death, at the age of 46 years, was reported yesterday, took place with military honours at Happy Valley last evening.

The very large attendance of friends, and representatives of different organisations present, and the wealth of floral tributes sent showed the deep regard in which Mr. Avenell was held.

The deceased was laid to rest in the Old Residents' Section of the Protestant Cemetery, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave conducting the last rites.

Brother sergeants of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps acted as pall bearers, and officers of the Corps present were Capt. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Capt. S. J. Jordain, M.C., and Lieut. E. J. R. Mitchell. There was also present Regimental Sergeant-Major Westlake, of the H.K.V.D.C.

The coffin was covered with the Union Jack, and on it were placed the helmet, belt and bayonet of the deceased.

Other military honours were accorded by a firing party from the 2nd Battalion, the Suffolk Regiment. After the funeral service, this party fired the usual three volleys, and a bugle of the detachment sounded the "Last Post" and the "Reveille."

### Those Present.

The principal mourners were Mr. F. P. Lenfestey (brother-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. R. Colman (brother-in-law and sister) and Mr. E. J. Ainslie.

Among the many representatives from Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Co. were Messrs. R. L. Bridger, F. M. Crawford, W. A. Eustace, S. H. E. Blackett, J. C. Long, E. G. Sewell, T. E. Jones, W. A. B. Taylor, D. K. Kharas together with many other members of the staff.

From the European Y.M.C.A. were Messrs. J. H. Hunt (secretary), R. J. B. Clarke, C. James, L. Guy, J. Anderson, A. R. Whibley, A. Chapman, H. Greenhalgh, W. Brown, E. W. C. Alltree, T. V. Harmon, G. S. Brown, R. Murray, H. G. Swinburne, Johnson, Wat Lock Hing, and others.

Others present included Messrs. F. A. Macintosh, G. Duncan, M.B.E., R. H. Davies, F. E. Lawrence, J. C. Fletcher, R. S. Vergette, J. M. Jack, A. Gillard, J. Fraser, J. Hyde, J. McCubbin, J. Goldenberg, A. Forbes, Y. C. Labrum, J. McKirdy, H. A. Jones, R. S. W. Paterson, Chief Inspector Kent, Sub-Inspector Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, and many other friends.

### Floral Tributes.

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Pai-kau or teen-kau (sky dog) was fully discussed, when seven Chinese were charged with gambling before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, the Central Magistrate yesterday.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ, defending, said that the defendants were having a friendly game of teen-kau when they were raided by the Police as a result of information supplied by a Chinese constable who acted as "stool-pigeon."

The said "stool-pigeon" said that he watched one hand and called in the police. During the raid, a tin was seized, which, the police submitted, was used as a receptacle for the commission. In apportioning the respective responsibility in the case, the police enquired for the principal tenant, but this person was said to have gone into the country, leaving the shop in the charge of his daughter-in-law. She was the No. 1 defendant in Court.

Called upon by Mr. Russ to give an exposition in Court of the game he saw, witness sorted out the dominoes, and asserted that the game played was pai-kau—a keener form of gambling than the teen-kau suggested by the defending solicitor.

The No. 1 defendant said that the seven players, including herself, were all members of the family, and that the game was a friendly one, little money being passed, and although the tin contained the commission, the money would ultimately go towards the cost of a little supper.

Mr. Russ explained that this bore some analogy to the "kitty" as played.

His Worship found that there had been technical infringement, in the taking of commission. He was prepared to discharge the defendants with a caution, but the money and dominoes would be confiscated.

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## A SHARE TRANSACTION.

LOCAL BROKERS SUED.

QUESTION OF "ROPE" SHARES.

JUDGMENT GIVEN AGAINST BROKERS.

At the Supreme Court yesterday morning, before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, questions of procedure in regard to broking came up in an action in which Mr. U. L. Ahmed Mohideen, merchant, of 84, Queen's Road Central, sued Chan Chan Nam & Co., China Building, share and general brokers, in respect of a share transaction.

Plaintiff claimed damages for breach of contracts by the defendants to accept and pay for 1,000 shares of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., and 500 combined shares of the Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., appeared for the plaintiff, and the defendants were not in Court. Mr. M. M. Watson appeared, but Mr. Potter informed His Lordship that he understood Mr. Watson had no instructions to appear that day.

Case Explained.

Mr. Potter said that the original action concerned 1,000 shares in the Green Island Cement Co. and 500 combined shares of the Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd. In respect of the "Cements" a sum had been paid into court by the defendants and accepted.

The case as it now stood concerned the "Ropes" only. On April 30th, 1925, the plaintiff employed the defendant Company as brokers for the sale of 500 combined "Ropes" shares. This was admitted by defendants. The price of each share was \$38.

The share contract was admitted, and the only points were the revenue plaintiff was entitled to if he succeeded and certain points which he would prove through Mr. P. Tester.

Defendants claimed that before the completion of the bargain in July 27th, 1925, defendant furnished plaintiff with the name of the purchaser and plaintiff agreed to deal direct with the purchaser.

Plaintiff's answer to that was two-fold. In the first place it was contended that no such name was disclosed until the day before that on which the shares were due for delivery. With regard to the defendant's contention that the plaintiffs were not ready and willing to deliver the shares, there were the rules of the local sharebroking associations governing such procedure to be considered. These rules the plaintiff had abided by.

Assuming plaintiff succeeded, claimed Mr. Potter, the form of the order should be that defendant should take up the shares on their being duly tendered to him and on payment of the purchase money, in effect, the specific performance of the contract.

Law Clear.

The law was clear on the point, said Mr. Potter, that where there was no free market on the date of the purchase and a seller could not go into the market and find another purchaser, such should be the procedure. The only exceptions were in the case of Government stocks which should always command a market.

In the case of these "Ropes" shares, there had been no free market at the time of the purchase or for months following. In fact, there had been no sale in "Ropes" from that day to this. The date of settlement was, of course, the time of the financial crisis and the Stock Exchange was actually closed.

His Lordship: Plaintiff is ready to tender the shares now?

Mr. Potter: Yes.

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### Question of Liability.

Dealing with defendant's contention that before the completion of the bargain plaintiff agreed to the offer for selling direct to the purchaser and that therefore the broker (defendant) was not liable, the whole thing was dependent on the disclosure and the rule. The plaintiff's case was that there had been no such disclosure and secondly that even assuming that fact it was no defence in view of the true meaning of the clause on the back of the contract. The contract in question was in accordance with the rules of the Share and Real Estate Brokers Society and the vital point was in their rules of Association, in common with those of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

"This point," said Mr. Potter, "is that if before an order is booked by a broker you disclose the name of the purchaser then it is with the seller to say whether or not he will accept such a person. If he does accept, then a broker's liability ceases."

Nearly all contracts, said Mr. Potter, were put through without disclosing the customer's name.

With regard to the defendant's contention that plaintiff was not ready and willing to deliver the shares, the usual method of making delivery of shares to a local broker was to give him a delivery order.

In this particular case, the defendant had written to his purchaser complaining that although he was in a position to make a delivery because the plaintiff had given him a delivery order, the purchaser in question had not turned up at the office of Wilkinson and Grist where the interview had been arranged.

This surely destroyed the defendant's contention that he had disclosed the name of the purchaser and that therefore his liability was at an end. He had admitted in this letter that proper delivery had been made by the production of the delivery order.

Stock Broker's Evidence.

Mr. P. Tester, a stock broker, and one time Secretary of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange was called to give evidence.

Mr. Potter: Supposing you disclose the name of the purchaser, is the seller of the shares entitled to refuse the name?

Witness: Certainly.

Supposing he does accept that name?—Then you write on the contract "buyer's name disclosed."

They also suggest that we were not ready and willing to deliver. In the case of a sale of shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, is it invariably the custom that the script is always delivered by the seller?

Witness: There is a rule dealing with another way?—That is so. Witness added that the seller usually handed to the broker a delivery order on the Bank.

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### NO PASSPORTS.

TWO CIRCUS PERFORMERS  
CHARGED.

For entering the Colony without a proper passport, John and Steve Floris, two members of a travelling troupe of circus performers were taken into custody on their arrival from Canton. They were charged with the offence yesterday morning before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Central Magistracy.

Mr. F. G. Vaux defended the two men.

Mr. T. H. King, for the prosecution, asked for a remand in order that arrangements might be made for their deportation. Mr. King thought they were Argentinians.

Both defendants indignantly disclaimed Argentinian nationality, the elder of the two stating that they had both been born in Wisconsin, Pa.

His Worship adjourned the case until Wednesday allowing bail in \$150 in each case.

If you were putting through this transaction and had been acting for both parties, would you have accepted this order for delivery and put this transaction through?—Yes.

No doubt you would have gone to the Bank with the cheque, and obtained the release of the shares, and handed them to the purchaser?—Yes.

In answer to further questions, witness said on July 25th, the Stock Exchange was closed and there was no free market for "Ropes" on that day. He could not remember any transaction in "Ropes" since 1925.

A Delivery Form.

Mr. D. H. Blake, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, said the plaintiff and defendant attended his office and brought with them a delivery form. They waited for the purchaser, but he did not arrive. The defendant seemed to be in a position to complete the contract as soon as the buyer arrived, and there was no suggestion that Chan should drop out of the deal. At that meeting, Mr. Mohideen was pressing Mr. Chan to complete the transaction.

The plaintiff said that on April 30th, he entered into a contract with Chan for the sale of "Ropes," completion day being on July 25th, 1925.

Mr. Potter: It is suggested that, on the 27th, he disclosed the name of the purchaser, and you agreed to deal with him direct?

Witness:—No.

Case Proved.

Mr. Potter submitted that he had proved his case.

His Lordship agreed and said that the only question was whether to make an order for specific performance. If he made an order for damages, how would they be collected?

Mr. Potter pointed out that it would be difficult to collect damages at all in the absence of an available market.

His Lordship made an order in favour of plaintiff with specific performance.



## INTERPORT TRADE GUILD.

### MERCHANTS TO ORGANISE.

#### UNION OF TRANSPORT COOLIES.

#### COMMUNISTS TO SUPPLY THE LEADERS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

A movement is on foot among the Chinese merchants of Canton, Hong Kong and Macao to organise something in the nature of an interport trade guild in order to protect their business from further interference by the workers. How far the merchants are to be limited by Union rules in employing and dismissing assistants, for example, is a question facing Hong Kong as well as Canton.

In Canton on February 10th some 12,500 members of 52 guilds held an organisation parade. Groups, each of about 20 Cantonese firms, were formed and these are to work with the Kuomintang.

Transportation coolies in Canton—those who carry goods by means of bamboo poles—are now to organise a Union. This union, it is feared, will become one of the most obnoxious in the City as it is to be directed by leaders appointed by the Communists.

A number of scholars of the old school in Canton are considering the draft of a petition to the Kuomintang asking that the decision to abolish Confucian worship may be rescinded. By a recent decree of the Kuomintang all income from Confucian temples throughout China will be transferred to a special education fund.

The Kwangtung Provincial Administration at Canton is to call a conference of merchants, workers, and others concerned to discuss the best methods of carrying out the recently passed measure to reduce the rentals on farm lands by 25 per cent.

The Indian staffs of the Chinese Post Office in Canton are asking for treatment similar to that of the European employees as far as methods of promotion are concerned. By order of the Kuomintang, all Chinese Post Offices in Kuomintang controlled territory are to come under the supervision of the Kuomintang Ministry of Communications, of which Mr. Sun Fo is the Minister, and Mr. Wu Sheng Yung, Chief of the Department of Posts.

The special war tax on water craft—which includes all vessels on the rivers and along the coast of Kwangtung—has been made effective in Canton as from February 11th. It is expected that at least \$4,000,000 will be raised from this tax. In Canton and other parts of China plenty of people make a junk or boat their permanent residence, thus escaping the tax on ordinary land property.

Mr. Choy Kam Chuen, an artist, and formerly of Canton Christian College, is leaving for Shanghai.

By mutual agreement among newspapermen in Canton, February 12th, the anniversary of the Republic, was kept as a holiday, and Canton had no newspapers on Sunday.

#### THE WHAMPOA DEVELOPMENT SCHEME.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Mr. Henry Aki Panhoe, the engineer in charge of the Whampoa Development, is a visitor in Hong Kong, and expects to spend a day or two here before returning up the River. According to Mr. Panhoe, much surveying and mapping of the territory around Whampoa are being done, and they expect to be assisted by several American experts from New York. Mr. Panhoe was at one time Commissioner of Public Health of Canton City.

## TROOP MOVEMENTS.

### 2/5th PUNJABIS TO RETURN TO HONG KONG.

#### TWO BRIGADES UNDER CANVAS.

As suggested in the *Daily Press* yesterday the Suffolks are going to Shanghai to relieve the 2/5th Punjabis who will return to Hong Kong. As already reported one Brigade will be stationed at Shanghai and the other two Brigades will be quartered for the time being in this Colony. According to present arrangements, which naturally depend upon the trend of affairs in the North, these two Brigades will go into camp at Kwantung and Fanning until the middle of March. At Fanning it will be necessary to occupy ground now used for the first three holes of the relief course, but it is not true, as rumoured, that the Fanning Club house will be requisitioned.

If the troops are still here by the middle of March other accommodation will be found for them and the plans, previously outlined, are being matured to meet this contingency. In addition to the Peninsula Hotel, the Diocesan Boys' School, King's College and other buildings it is now suggested that the Empress Hotel and the Grand Stand at the Race Course may be taken over by the Military authorities.

#### AGITATION ON THE FRONTIER.

#### ROUTE MARCHES BY THE BORDERERS.

#### ANTI-BRITISH PLACARDS AT SHATAUKOK.

The 2nd Batt. the King's Own Scottish Borderers, who are now in Camp in the New Territories, have been ordered to make four route marches each day through Shataukok, a village which is half in British and half in Chinese territory.

A number of Chinese soldiers have been recently stationed at Shataukok where they have been organising what is known as a Farmers' Army. Since their appearance, anti-British placards and cartoons have been posted in the Chinese section of the village, and recently they have been put up in the British section also. Those in the British section were, of course, torn down, but feeling ran so high that the Chinese detectives employed by the Hongkong Police refused to go into the village.

A strong protest has been sent to the Canton Government through the British Consul at Canton and the route marches by the Borderers are being undertaken in order to restore confidence and to demonstrate to the villagers and others that Great Britain has the power to protect her nationals and means to keep order within her own territory.

Recently, it will be remembered, the railway carriages on the Kowloon-Canton line were plastered with anti-British placards. It has now been proved that this was the work of Chinese soldiers at Sam-chun.

#### A ROGUE AND VAGABOND.

#### MEMBER OF A GANG OF HARBOUR THIEVES GAOLED.

One of the members of a gang of harbour thieves was charged before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, with attempted larceny from the person of a Chinese passenger and with being a rogue and vagabond.

The prosecution put forward the allegation that the defendant, who worked in conjunction with his aunt on a sampun, always assisted passengers from his boat to ocean-going ships. When opportunity arose, the defendant, it was alleged, put his hands into customers' pockets and stole the contents.

On conviction, the defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour, it being shown, on production of his criminal record, that he had previously received twelve strokes of the cane for larceny, been fined \$25 for boarding a ship without permission, and been sentenced to three months' hard labour for stealing.

## A CASHIER'S ALLEGED MISTAKE.

### PAYS OUT \$10,000 DOLLARS TOO MUCH.

#### A FOKI WHO KNOWS TOO MUCH.

The case in which Mr. Li Yee Woon, manager of the Wong Fung firm at Wing Lok Street, is alleged to have received nine thousand dollars in excess from the Bank of Canton, Ltd., was continued yesterday before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy.

Mr. Li went to the Bank of Canton on December 13th to cash a cheque of \$1,000, and the cashier of the bank alleged that he had paid out \$10,000 to the defendant, with the result that Mr. Li is now accused of stealing this sum from the Bank of Canton.

Mr. M. M. Watson is appearing for the cashier of the Bank, and the defendant is represented by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., instructed by Messrs. Lo & Lo.

At yesterday's hearing, a former fuki of defendant was called by the prosecution, and when he entered the Court, he proceeded straight to the witness-box, which caused Mr. Lindell to ask how he was so familiar with the procedure of the Court. Witness replied that he had been watching court cases previously.

Yee Sun described as a office coolie, formerly in the employ of the defendant, said that he remembered the day when his former master went to the Bank of Canton. Defendant told him that he was going to cash a cheque of \$1,000 to pay for a house he had bought. Defendant returned at about 1 p.m.

He went in to the accountant's room and there he produced a wad of banknotes. Witness said the notes were all Hong Kong and Shanghai Banknotes and there were about ten or twenty notes of \$500 each. Out of the wad of notes, defendant extracted two and kept the balance in the safe. The next day the defendant received some bills drawn on himself by a certain firm in Canton, and in order to meet his obligations, he said that he had borrowed a sum of \$10,000 from two parties in Hong Kong. Witness said that the entries were accordingly made in the account books, and that the loans were liquidated the very next day.

Continuing, witness said that in the course of conversation, defendant had referred to the matter of the \$9,000 which he was accused to have received from the Bank of Canton in excess, but he had always denied receiving it. Witness said that on one occasion he told his former employer that if he had received the \$9,000, it was his duty to return the money to the bank. This annoyed defendant who said: "Since you are in my employ you should not suspect me." Witness added that he told his master that he would quit work whereupon defendant got very angry and told him to leave the premises.

In the course of his cross-examinations of the witness, Mr. Alabaster produced several of the account books of defendant's firm, which showed that the defendant was in the habit of borrowing large sums of money from a certain Chinese hong in Hong Kong and that such loans were always discharged a day after.

The case was again adjourned.

## REGULARS v. VOLUNTEERS.

### FIRST SHAM FIGHT OF THE SEASON.

#### "WHO WON THE WAR?"

The first sham fight of the season took place at Fanning on Sunday between the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps and an attacking party drawn from the K.O.S.B. camp at Lowu.

Under the command of Captain H. B. L. Dowbiggin (H.K.V.D.C.), 16 officers and 119 N.C.O.'s and men paraded at Kowloon Station and left Fanning by the 9.15 train. Arriving there shortly after ten o'clock, the Corps was split up into sections for the defence of the village against the Regulars.

Lieut.-Col. L. J. O. Conyn, 2nd Batt., King's Own Scottish Borderers, and Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Administrative Commandant, H.K.V.D.C., acted as judges.

The sham fight continued until shortly after one o'clock, when the Volunteers marched to a neighbouring field for kiffin, en-training at 3.4 p.m. for Kowloon.

Who Won?

That was the question that most people returning from Fanning on Sunday were asking each other. Certain observations were made during the course of the day and these will no doubt be announced in due course.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### THE SQUATTERS' NEW COLONY.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—For the benefit of those who, disgusted with the outcome of the debate at the Sanitary Board on Wednesday last, regarding the withdrawal of permits to new squatters, did not care to read columns of prose, allow me to recapitulate the proceedings as best as I can gather and inter from two of our daily newspapers.

The local Government, as part of the scheme for public improvements, resumes at an enormous cost, a low-lying village in very close proximity to a growing residential district of Kowloon Tong. The Sanitary Board, whose function is also to see that the Colony's supply of vegetables—furnished by human excreta—does not run short, grants permits to cultivate the land regardless of the disastrous consequences to the vicinity and knowing too well the inveterate habits of local farmers. The Kowloon Tong residents, unable to stand the stench of decomposing human faeces and the swarms of flies infesting the place, request Mr. Braga to take the matter up before the Sanitary Board.

Mr. Braga, convinced that the Sanitary Board is not playing the game, strongly urged to it to revoke the permits granted to the new squatters, on the ground that the dung-heaps used for manure are potential breeding places of flies—the worst known carriers of disease—and the cesspools the reservoirs of typhoid and dysentery germs. Mr. Braga finishes by warning the Sanitary Board that a duty is imposed on it to recommend measures to remove the likely sources for the spread of epidemics.

Mr. Braga, however, is not so enthusiastic as to the motion, going to work any hardships considering that the squatters—one of whom hails from Cheung Sha Wan—do not enjoy any prescriptive rights and number only three or four, whereas the subscribers to the Kowloon Tong building scheme are 250, of whom 210 are Chinese. Dr. Pope, M.O.H., objects to the cesspools as noisome, and emphasises that manure in any shape or form should not be brought in close proximity to any residential area.

Lieut.-Col. Boylan Smith supports the motion. The convenience of squatters should not be put before the question of public health. Such people as these would not give up their old habits, and manure is very dangerous and cannot be brought with any safety within range of human dwellings.

Now comes the turn of the protector, Mr. Wong Kwong Tin. "Never mind," he says in effect, "if the farmers have a prescriptive right, they may have come from Cheung Sha Wan. We admit that they have defied us by constructing cesspools, but we must protect them. Let the Government resume the objectionable villages. We will resurrect them in a new form with the new permittees. The Board has a higher function to perform. It must see that no farmer starves, and though we brought the Government to its knees, we must see that their lives are not sacrificed to the Government's whimsy."

With paternal solicitude he suggests putting a layer of earth on top of the manure. Let the Inspectors of the Board, under whose very noses the cesspools were built, instruct the farmers, and if need be, we who in spite of a long period of incubation after notice of the motion had been given—had found no time to visit the site, shall supervise the work.

Lo, here comes the P.W.D. He is in sympathy with Mr. Braga's motion—his boys, not so fast! Although we are quick in granting permits, we must move slowly! Let science make gigantic strides, China pull down her secular walls, Canton open new malacos, we must cling to conservatism! The Chairman is in a dilemma. They must be consistent. How can they invoke the aid of Government to cancel the permits granted by them? Let the M.O.H. prosecute, serve notices, obtain Magistrate's orders. In fact, put the whole legal machinery in full swing and then, if the squatters do not budge, well—there they are! They are only licencees who can be moved out at short notice! The motion is put to the meeting. Surprise of surprises! Defeated by four votes to three. Who are these four "guardians of the public health" and what were their arguments against the motion? Perhaps Mr. Braga will be able to satisfy the public on this vital point since they eclipsed his arguments by a huge majority of one. The Sanitary Board should record them when it next decides to perpetuate the old system on lands resumed by Government.

Thus ended the greatest farce enacted in modern times. The proceedings will surely be handed down to posterity, as a unique example of the activities of our Sanitary Board. In the meantime, the squatters' settlement is flourishing. The cesspools, instead of going 300 yards back, are spreading the classic aroma of liquified faeces and the vegetation is skirting the main road.—Yours, etc.,

SALUS POPULI SUPREMA LEX.

Hong Kong, Feb. 14th.

## SCOTSMEN AND SAINT ANDREW SOCIETIES.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—It must have occurred to many of my fellow countrymen that the great quantity of patriotic fervour, and enthusiasm, existing in the numerous Scottish societies overseas, might find a broader and more useful outlet than is provided by the annual celebration of Saint Andrew's day and the disbursement of help to cases of distress arising among local Scotsmen.

To those who are of that opinion it will be of great interest to know that a move has now been made, in connection with their affiliation scheme, by the Council of the Saint Andrew Society in Edinburgh, which gives promise of a great achievement provided it receives the support of the Scottish societies abroad.

The following, taken from the Annual Report of the Council for 1926, indicates the present position as regards this scheme:—

"The Council have to report that they have had under consideration the scheme for establishing a Club for the use of the members of the Society, and of overseas Scots who may visit Edinburgh."

"The Society has taken rooms at 27 Rutland Street, and is now arranging to equip them so as to form a Club on a small scale, as a commencement."

"It is hoped that, as the scheme becomes better known, and as more funds become available, it will be possible to enlarge the scheme."

A later sentence in the report has these words:—"The Council feel that they cannot go far without the support of the Overseas Societies, for whose members especially the Club is intended."

It is for that reason that I have written this letter, and I appeal to all office bearers and members of Saint Andrew Societies in these parts to give this scheme their support at once, by seeking affiliation with the Central Society in Edinburgh, and arranging for the payment of a definite proportion of the annual local subscription of each member towards this project. Our Society here, in Perth, has been affiliated now for some time, and from our annual subscription a sum of half a crown per member is remitted to the Home Society for the furtherance of this scheme.

If this scheme had the support of all the Scottish societies scattered over the world it needs little imagination to realise the strength and capacity for benevolent work which the Home Society would possess.

One can visualize the Society housed in its own magnificent house in our grand old capital. A great building providing all the facilities of a first class residential club, where the too often lonely man from overseas, visiting the Old Country on leave, could foregather with kindred spirits, and find a home and a welcome.

Tennis courts and a golf course would come in time.

Schools for the children of brother Scots who had fallen in life's battle, and all the multifarious activities of a great friendly society, with a membership based on nationality, would follow.

Surely the promise of this great development is worth the small cost per member involved. The Joint Hon. Secretaries of the Saint Andrew Society in Edinburgh are:—Donald S. Macdonald, 1 Hill Street, and David W. Ross, 6, East Fettes Avenue, Edinburgh.

They will give any information desired about the scheme as it now is.

G. WAUGH SCOTT, Deputy Chairman, Perth Saint Andrew Society, Federated Malay States, Perak, F.M.S., January 25th.

#### SHARING THE USE OF PLAYING GROUNDS.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—In view of the fact that several thousand additional British Troops will shortly be arriving here for a probable stay of several months, it is obvious that the Colony's present playing grounds are, apart from radical redistribution and re-allocation, wholly insufficient to meet the imminent pressing need for giving numerous opportunities for active exercise to these extra Forces.

Under these circumstances, it is obviously necessary for civilians to practise self-denial, for the general good of all, by sharing their playing grounds, in a liberal manner, with the new Military Contingents who will urgently require good hard exercise to keep them well and fit.

There are also several hundred additional Naval men in the Colony to be provided for.—Yours, etc.,

CIVILIAN.

February 14th, 1927.

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 44, Des Vaux Road, on WEDNESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, to TUESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1927, both days inclusive, during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
JOHN ARNOLD,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 27th January, 1927. [4383]

## THE HONG KONG &amp; KOWLOON WHARF &amp; GODOWN CO., LTD.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. JASPER, MARSH & CO., LTD., on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the Year ended December 31st, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 1927, to THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 1927, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
F. E. CRANFELL,  
Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 5th, 1927. [4315]

## BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

## NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTYTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 10, Des Vaux Road, CENTRAL, at 3.30 p.m., SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 1927, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1927, (both days inclusive), during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
KAN TONG FO,  
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 11th February, 1927. [4348]

## HONG KONG &amp; SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the 26th FLOOR, 26th FEBRUARY, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1926.

The REGISTER OF SHARES OF THE CORPORATION will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 14th FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1927 (both days inclusive) during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
A. H. BARLOW,  
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 7th February, 1927. [4524]

## THE HONGKONG &amp; SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

## (INCORPORATED IN HONG KONG)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD., will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Building, Des Vaux Road, Central, Hong Kong), on FRIDAY, the 25th day of MARCH, 1927, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the Year ended on the 31st December, 1926, confirming the appointment of Directors and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

By Order of the Board,  
C. G. COFFEY,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 10th February, 1927. [4544]

## THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, 5th FLOOR, on SATURDAY, 19th MARCH, 1927, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1926, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 21st FEBRUARY to 10th MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Ltd.,  
Agents.

Hong Kong, 15th February, 1927. [4554]

## INTIMATIONS.

## INTERNATIONAL RACE AND RECREATION CLUB OF MACAO, LIMITED.

ENTRY Forms can be had from Messrs. LINDSAY & DAVIES, By kind permission of the Stewards of the Macao Jockey Club, Members of that Club are Cordially Invited to take part in Our INAUGURAL RACE MEETING which is to be held on 19th and 20th FEBRUARY. Transhipment and Accommodation of Ponies can be arranged with the SECRETARY of this Club.

Macao, 7th February, 1927. [4533]

## HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED, will be held at the Office of Messrs. JASPER, MARSH & CO., LTD., Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 27th day of MARCH, 1927, at 12 o'clock Noon, to transact the Ordinary Business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, to MONDAY, 7th MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
W. F. SIMMONS,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 12th February, 1927. [4552]

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Hong Kong, January 16th, 1927. [4441]

## THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LTD.

## NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Share Certificates—

No. of Shares	Quantity	No. of Shares	Quantity
3176	50	31651/31700	197/1916
4641	50	118784/118813	1/3/1920
5101	20	142261/142300	12/4/1920
5102	20	142321/142360	"
5103	20	142381/142420	"
5104	20	142441/142480	"
5105	20	142501/142540	"
7558	50	376225/376275	1/7/1922

In the Name of Mrs. YEUNG KWAI SHIM have been declared LOST and should the same not be produced before the 4th FEBRUARY, 1927, they shall be deemed CANCELLED and of NO EFFECT.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Ltd.,  
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Hong Kong, 8th February, 1927. [4531]

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Hong Kong, 14th February, 1927. [4535]

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For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, Apply to—  
Messrs. GEO. K. HALL BRUTTON & Co.,  
First Mortgagee's Solicitors,  
St. George's Building,  
Chater Road.

or to—  
Mr. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA,  
Auctioneer,  
No. 4, Dundrell Street,  
Dated the 9th day of February, 1927. [4533]

## BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE PUBLIC AUCTION

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Dated the 11th day of February, 1927. [4545]

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## DEATHS.

HENDRIKSEN.—On February 8th, at Shanghai, ANNIE, widow of the late Captain CARL FREDERIK HENDRIKSEN, aged 50 years.

ROSE.—On February 8th, at Shanghai, MARY FRITH ROSE.

Hong Kong Office: 14, Chater Rd.  
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## The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, FEBRUARY 15th, 1927.

## INFLUENZA AND IGNORANCE.

INFLUENZA is reported to be very prevalent in Europe, and latest advices from England states that it is epidemic there. The disease appears with such unfailing regularity, every few years, leaving a terrible death-roll, that it is not surprising the question is asked why the medical profession have not devoted more attention to the peril. In saying this there is no implied censure on the doctors; but obviously it is unsatisfactory to reflect that practically nothing is known about the origin of influenza. Fortunately, the present epidemic is of a mild character, and is, therefore, in contrast to the pestilence which scourged the world in 1918. In that year and during the early part of the next, influenza took toll of many more lives than the Great War in a similar period. Over a hundred thousand died in Great Britain alone, and millions were sacrificed in America,

and in Spain and other European countries.

When influenza appears medical science does much to alleviate the suffering it brings and to save human life. But its ravages are only stayed, when it has run its course, by the mysterious laws which govern its being. What those laws are no man can say at the present time. In some sections of the Press in England the suggestion is now made that the Ministry of Health ought to engage boldly in research to discover something definite about the origin of these recurring visitations. Instead of devoting practically all its time to dispensing vast sums assigned for health insurance and other social services, the Department might be more usefully employed in supporting investigation with regard to influenza. If we knew the source of the disease we should know how to meet the menace and conquer it. But in this matter medical research is left to shift for itself. It is urged with good reason that doctors and health authorities should by this time be in a position to deal effectively and systematically with an outbreak in its earlier stages. The enemy is constantly re-appearing, under slightly different forms. Yet when it does come it carries hygienic defences by storm and leaves their guardians almost as bewildered as if it were some new and wholly unfamiliar visitant.

It is interesting to note that the Epidemiological Intelligence Department of the League of Nations proposes to collect information on the character and progress of influenza, and to broadcast it daily to health administrations throughout the world. This is a step in the right direction, though we think too much should not be expected from the new departure.

In fighting a foe so subtle in its approach as influenza is, and so deadly in its attack, mere organization is an insufficient weapon. But it will undoubtedly be a gain if precise information is made available. The League is in a position to provide the nations with this means of defence, and we wish all success to its endeavours. The most ardent defenders of the League have done it a disservice by insisting on the supreme importance of its work in a sphere where it has had to move tentatively and suffer numerous set-backs. Many imaginations will, however, be touched if the League can show that by concerted action along the lines indicated it is able eventually to achieve the position of authority at which it aims by proving its competence in this direction. War between different nations may be a plague, but, after all, war is not so deadly an enemy of the human race as the germ of influenza.

Welllesley Lodge are holding a dinner at the Hotel Savoy to-morrow evening.

On Sunday one Chinese case of small-pox and one Chinese case of purpural fever were reported.

Quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Haiphong on account of cholera have been removed.

To-morrow, according to the old Chinese calendar, is the celebration of the Feast of Lanterns (Shang Yuan Chieh).

H.M.S. *Hermes* have arranged to hold another dance at the Hotel Savoy next Saturday, commencing at 8.30 p.m.

The annual sale of work, in connection with the Mother's Union, will be held this afternoon, at three o'clock, at the Helena-May Institute.

The quarantine restrictions imposed by Hong Kong against arrivals from Haiphong on account of cholera have been removed.

The first social meeting of the recently formed Old Girls' Association, in connection with the Bellios Public School, is to be held to-morrow.

Seen wearing a hat in the Court room, a Chinese coolie was fined \$1 for contempt of Court by Mr. T. W. Ainsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

The Kowloon Cricket Club are holding another dance, in connection with their winter series, at the Hotel Savoy on Friday evening, beginning at nine o'clock.

The Hanoi piracy suspect was yesterday morning remanded for another week, as the Magistrate (Mr. R. E. Lindsell) was unable, on account of a full list, to proceed with the case.

Mr. Wei Wing Lok, the well-known tennis player and son of the late Sir Bosham Wei Yuk of Hong Kong, returned to the Colony yesterday on the *President Monroe* from the North.

This evening, at eight o'clock, the Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Association are giving a dinner at the South China Restaurant, China Building, in honour of the Eastern China Football Team.

A small Chinese girl, aged 9, was robbed by two men while she was going up a staircase. The thieves made off with her pair of gold bangles, which was later discovered by the Police in a Wanchai pawnshop.

Arrested for assaulting a tramway conductor, a Chinese failed to put in an appearance when the case was called at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning. His bail of \$25 was estreated by order of the Magistrate.

"As nobody claimed it, I took it," said a Sanitary Department coolie, who was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday morning with being in unlawful possession of a 14-foot plank. Defendant was fined \$6, or seven days.

A conservancy coolie, charged with committing an assault, with two others, on a watchman at Percival Street, was sent, yesterday, to prison for fourteen days, without the option. Mr. C. A. S. Ruts appeared for the prosecution.

A young boy was sentenced to two months' hard labour for larceny of a felt hat from a matchbox at Cheung Sha Wan by Mr. T. W. Ainsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. The defendant had been convicted of larceny on two previous occasions.

When charged before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with snatching a cap from a small baby, an 18-year-old Chinese stated that he wanted to raise some money to pay his ferry fare to Hong Kong. Sentence of one month's hard labour was passed.

Shareholders are reminded that an extraordinary general meeting of the Union Insurance Society, the British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., and the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., will be held to-day at Union Building, at noon, 12.15 p.m., and 12.30 p.m. respectively.

With reference to the report in yesterday's issue of the annual meeting of shareholders of Humphreys Estate and Finance Company, Ltd., three names of shareholders present were inadvertently omitted. The shareholders present, in addition to the Directors and Secretary, were Messrs. C. Bulmer Johnson, O. F. Ribeiro, A. P. Samy, D. E. Clark, C. Bernard Brown and W. Morley.

The language school for teaching the Cantonese dialect has now been started at the Hong Kong University. Tuition is given daily, except Sunday, from 9 a.m. till noon. Fees for the current year are \$500. Two hundred dollars are payable on entrance, and one hundred dollars in September. Fees include personal instruction during the hours named. If classes are desired at other times, application has to be made to the Rev. H. R. Wells at the University. Classes are also to be held in the evenings at a higher rate.



## THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

NO NEWS YET AS TO THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT.

WHAT A CHINESE REPORT STATES.

FENGTIEN TROOPS ADVANCE UPON HONAN.

CHINESE OFFICIAL AND ANTI-BRITISH FEELING.

Mr. O'Malley and Mr. Eugene Chen met yesterday at Hankow for what was regarded as the final conference relating to the future status of the British Concession at Hankow. At the time of going to press it was unknown whether the agreement had been signed. If the agreement was not signed it is believed that it was Mr. O'Malley's intention to leave Hankow. His departure would naturally mean the rupture of diplomatic relations between the British and the Nationalist Government.

Conferences being at an end it remains for the British Government to decide what steps shall be taken to recover the British property seized by the mob and now held by the Nationalist forces.

## HANKOW NEGOTIATIONS.

THE FINAL STAGE REACHED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 14th. A telegram from Hankow, dated the 13th instant, states that it is expected that the negotiations between Mr. Chen and Mr. O'Malley will reach their final stage to-morrow.

## SIGNING "INDEFINITELY POSTPONED."

A CHINESE REPORT.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 14th. According to foreign sources, the British Government has instructed Mr. O'Malley not to accede to Mr. Eugene Chen's demand for the immediate withdrawal of British forces from China. In consequence of this, the signing by both parties of the Hankow Agreement has been indefinitely postponed.

## ON BEHALF OF NORTH AND SOUTH CHINA.

WHAT MR. CHU DECLARES.

## HOW TO END ANTI-BRITISH FEELING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, Feb. 13th. Mr. Chao Hsin Chu, Chinese representative to the League of Nations, in an interview, declared that he had authority to speak both for North and South China. "While internal differences might exist we are," he said, "unitedly facing external problems affecting our sovereignty and 'status quo'." Mr. Chu also declared that if Britain made a peaceful gesture towards China to the extent that the old treaty would be denounced immediately and a new treaty, on a basis of equality and reciprocity immediately entered, anti-British feeling would die out automatically.

## NEWS FROM THE YANGTZE PORTS.

[NAVAL WIRELESS REPORTS.]

ICHANG, Feb. 13th. One hundred and sixteen missionaries are now on their way down river.

## Hankow Quiet.

HANKOW, Feb. 13th. The city is quiet, but posters have been displayed in the British Concession protesting against the proposed British-Sino Council.

## Chiang Kai Shek and Foreigners.

KIUKIANG, Feb. 13th. Proclamations have been issued by General Chiang Kai Shek ordering Chinese to evacuate all foreign premises, and calling for the protection of foreigners and their property under severe penalties for non-compliance.

## Firing on British Ships.

NANKING, Feb. 13th. British ships are being stopped by rifle fire and examined by the local authorities without notice having been given. A protest is being made.

## Movements of Chinese Troops.

CHINKIANG, Feb. 13th. About four thousand troops have been sent to Chien Lin by train. Empty troopships are waiting at Chinkiang.

## POSITION IN CHEKIANG.

DESCRIBED AS "GLOOMY."

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 14th. The Chekiang position is reported as being "gloomy." General Maog Chao Yuet, Marshal Sun Chuen Fang's "field-director," is personally directing military engagements at Tunglo. Although large reinforcements have been despatched by General Chiang Kai Shek to participate in the battle along the Tain-tang River, General Ho Ying Yam's financial difficulties to support his forces to advance northwards are causing those troops to remain stationed in Southern Chekiang. The Southerners engaged at the front have not, so far, been able to make considerable headway.

## ITALY AND NAVAL DISARMAMENT.

MUSSOLINI DISCUSSES PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S MEMORANDUM.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ROME, February 13th. Signor Mussolini has already conferred with the Chief of the Naval General Staff regarding President Coolidge's Memorandum. The semi-official view is, that without claiming to anticipate the reply, it may at present be stated that Italy, in view of her modest naval programme, cannot consent to measures likely to endanger her vital interests. Moreover, new factors have emerged since 1922, like the breakdown of the Rome conference of small naval Powers and the naval armaments acceleration programmes of the Great and Small Powers at present in the Mediterranean.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

## LONDON PRESS COMMENT.

RUGBY, February 13th.

Commenting in the Observer upon President Coolidge's proposal for a limitation of those classes of warships not covered by the Washington Treaty Mr. J. L. Garvin says "France, Italy and Japan will resist the limitation of submarines. Then how can the British Empire reduce cruisers? Again, in view of the oceanic character and extent of the British Empire a considerable number of our cruisers are required, in peace time for peace purposes. Would it do any good at this juncture if Britain's power of naval movement were crippled in the Far East while by land Russia were free to send into China agents and munitions without restriction? Are flying forces to be free to bomb naval bases while naval forces are weakened in their power to act against nations containing flying bases?"

If Russian armies are to be organised without restriction are possibilities of naval counterpoise to be diminished in the Baltic, North Sea and the Mediterranean. Would this make for tranquillity and reinforce guarantees for peace. These are only a few of the conundrums which will protrude discussion and jeopardise conclusions. None less. President Coolidge's proposal is heartily to be welcomed.

The Sunday Times remarks that a definite ration of strength fixed in the Washington Agreement for capital ships has been honourably observed. The case for a ratio by no means so clear with smaller ships. Battleships and armoured cruisers are of no use except to fight fleet actions in war and their strength may not unfairly be conditioned by purely political circumstances which are within the control of diplomacy. Light cruisers and destroyers have use in battle but their principal function is to police the seas and to execute blockade which it must be remembered is one of means of coercion contemplated by the Covenant against a power recalcitrant to the authority of the League of Nations. The number of smaller craft that a nation requires depends, therefore, very much on the size and extent of its commitments at sea. An island empire like the British with its immediate merchant fleet presents a much greater target to attack than any other country. While a fair diplomatic ratio for capital ships was easily discovered at Washington a ratio for smaller craft that should take into account very complicated geographical and economic considerations might well prove more elusive.

## FENGTIEN CAMPAIGN.

MARSHAL CHANG TSO LIN'S PLANS.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 14th. Marshal Chang Tso Lin has completed all arrangements for the advance of his forces to Honan and to start a campaign to invade Hupeh. He has also appointed General Chang Hsueh Liang (his son) as field-marshal and Huen Lu-chun as assistant to lead the campaign to Hupeh. In addition, he has appointed three other Fengtienese generals to direct their respective flanks to attack Wusung-kwan, where the Southerners are concentrating their forces to prepare to push Northwards.

## MARSHALS WU AND CHANG.

AN APPEAL FROM THE FORMER TO THE LATTER.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

## THE ADVANCE INTO HONAN.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 14th. Marshal Wu has telegraphed to Marshal Chang Tso Lin to the effect that he had not previously been notified of the advance of the Fengtienese troops to Honan and he would not be responsible for any accident that might arise through misunderstanding between the Fengtienese and Honanese who might not be able to evacuate for the Fengtienese at sudden notice. He implored Chang to order his troops to stop advancing, at least for the time being.

The Fengtienese troops who, as previously reported, have advanced to the north of the Yellow River in Honan, are reported to be continuing their advance across the Yellow River to the heart of the Honan territory, in three directions. One force is being led along the Kin-fan Railway of the Honan section, while the other two will advance towards Chengchow and Kaifeng, respectively.

## EXPRESS TRAINS COLLIDE IN ENGLAND.

TWELVE PERSONS REPORTED KILLED.

MANY SCHOOL CHILDREN INVOLVED.

SIX COACHES TELESKOPED: SALOON COACH WRECKED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, February 14th. It is estimated that 19 persons were killed in a collision near Hull between the express from Withernsea and the Scarborough express. Six of the Withernsea coaches, in which were mostly school children, were telescoped, while the saloon coach containing business men was wrecked.

## DESTRUCTIVE SNOW-STORMS IN JAPAN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, February 14th. The snowstorms which have continued unabated in North Japan for three weeks until Saturday, when the weather cleared, are again raging, causing widespread death, destruction and intense suffering.

## MARQUIS DE PINEDO.

PROCEEDING WITH HIS FLIGHT TO BRAZIL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ROME, February 13th. The Marquis de Pinedo, has ascended at Sardinia on a flight to Brazil.

His plans are uncertain but he has apparently modified his previous intentions, and will probably fly to South America and return home via the United States and the Azores.

Reaches Morocco.

RABAT, February 13th. The Marquis de Pinedo has arrived here.

## THE "CITY OF TOKIO" REFLOATED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, February 13th. The Ellerman liner, City of Tokio has refloated and is apparently undamaged. She has proceeded to London.

[An earlier report stated that the ship had gone aground near the Goodwins.]

## BELGIAN KING AND QUEEN.

VISIT TO ENGLAND PRIVATE AND UNOFFICIAL.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Feb. 13th. The King and Queen of the Belgians arrived in London last night having travelled from Brussels to see the exhibition of Flemish art. Their visit is of a private and unofficial character but they lunched to-day with King George and Queen Mary at Buckingham Palace.

## KING'S GIFT TO AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Feb. 13th. It is understood to be the King's intention to present to the Commonwealth of Australia's new buildings, which the Duke of York will shortly open on behalf of His Majesty at Canberra, a pair of despatch boxes which stand on the table in front of the Speaker's Chair at Westminster. When His Majesty expressed a wish to make a personal gift to the new Government buildings and suggested the "despatch boxes" the offer was warmly received and accepted.

## NEW YORK'S NEW CATHEDRAL.

KING GEORGE'S GIFT FORMALLY PRESENTED.

[THROUGH AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, February 14th.

In the presence of a crowded congregation, the British Ambassador presented a silver chalice, the gift of King George, to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, which has been constructed with the help of subscriptions from all over the United States.

## VERSATILITY IN SINGAPORE.

AN AMERICAN'S VISIT TO CHINESE QUARTERS.

A PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY.

"We Americans," said an American rubber merchant, sipping a whisky and soda on the verandah of the Raffles Hotel in Singapore, "live in an age of specialisation." "My dear sir," interrupted his companion, an English merchant who operates a fleet of steamers along the China coast, "we have an hour before dinner. Will you allow me to show you Singapore?"

## Smokes And Smells.

In ten minutes to the shift-shuff of the ricksha runners the two men were bowling along in the heart of Singapore's Chinese quarter. The streets, a millrace of human beings, swarmed with thousands of high-voiced hawkers. The smokes and smells from thousands of charcoal braziers filled the air as groups of coolies squatted about their evening meal. Hundreds of flaring oil lamps and gas lamps swung aloft a fantastic blaze of light.

"Barbers! Dentists! Merchants! Doctors!" exclaimed the Englishman with a smile. "Why, here the Chinese think nothing of uniting half a dozen skilled professions in one. Do you want some coffee or have you a toothache? Gaze across the street."

## Versatile And Debonair.

In the glare of colour, movement and contrast were rows of Chinese shops replete with lanterns and gay-coloured bunting and signs in Chinese characters with English transcriptions. "Yen En-loo," proclaimed one of them—"Coffee Broker—Veterinarian and Dentist." "And why not? Yen Fat cannot see why he shouldn't unite the profits of several trades with which he is familiar," explained the English merchant. "Versatile and debonair he will sell you 100 pounds of Java's best coffee, pull my boy's aching molar, or diagnose your polo pony's ailment. Incidentally, any one of Yen Fat's dental operations will convince you he is a born stage manager. The dental chair, with red velvet, is just inside the door in full view of passers-by. Coffee counters are arranged on either side, and two large sheds in the rear accommodate stricken animals.

"At night when a dental patient drops in the proceedings are impressive. Yen Fat stops weighing coffee, crosses to the torture chair and wraps the victim in a flowing robe of red. His assistant hangs out a large yellow Chinese lantern and a large crowd gathers to watch the operations, ready to cheer or jeer according to the behaviour of the patient."

## A Rising Young Merchant.

Across the street from Yen Fat's is See Guan-bung, Rug Dealer, Ship Chandler and Rice Merchant. See Guan is another rising young merchant who started with a few Chinese junkies, took up shipchandlery, developed a clientele along the Straits, dealt in rice, prepared, and profitably commercialised his hobby for fine rugs from North China.

Ling Ping Ho, boat builder, rug dealer and fine lace maker, is another well-known character. And Ling Pin, who wears straw hats made in Frisco and boots made in Boston, builds very good sampans. He still paints eyes on them, too, for, according to the ancient maxim of his country, how can a boat navigate without eyes? Near Ling Ping's is the sign of See Lin-tin, advertising wash-bowls, draperies and motor supplies.

Singapore's Chinese quarters are filled with these versatile establishments. You may procure gear for your fiver and there are hundreds in Singapore—buy a hat for your wife, or pick a good American clock, all in the same store.

## "TEXACOAT."

THE WATERPROOFING OF CANTON TILES.

AN ALLEGED JERRY BUILT HOUSE.

HOW DID THE WATER CREEP IN?

The question of whether a preparation known as "Texacoat," used in building, failed to function properly, was raised in an interesting action commenced at the Summary Court yesterday afternoon.

The plaintiffs suggested that the reason leakage had occurred on the premises in question was because of the jerry-built nature of the house, and that the tiles were not rigidly cemented together, and thus could not be made waterproof. On the other hand, the defence alleged that the contract had not been properly carried out and that water came through the tiles after they had been treated with the preparation mentioned.

The action, which came before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill (acting Puisne Judge), is one in which the Texas Co., Queen's Buildings, Chater Road, are suing Mr. A. J. Lane, Civil Engineer and Architect, for the sum of \$145, which they claim is due to them for work done and material supplied in connection with the treating of Canton tiles at No. 4, Liberty Avenue, Ho Mun Tin, with "Texacoat," their waterproofing preparation.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong, of Messrs. Deacons', represented the plaintiffs, and Mr. F. G. Vaux, of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist, was for the defendant.

Outlining the case, Mr. Armstrong said the claim was one by the plaintiffs for certain work done and materials used at No. 4, Liberty Avenue, Ho Mun Tin, at the request of the defendant, and to his order. The material used was "Texacoat," a special preparation with an asphalt basis, principally used for the waterproofing of roofs, tiles, cement and concrete.

Last year, the defendant asked plaintiffs for an estimate for two coats of this preparation at No. 4, Liberty Avenue, Ho Mun Tin. The plaintiffs made an estimate, which defendant accepted by letter. The estimate included the application of two coats of the preparation mentioned and the laying of two Canton tiles. Defendant had raised the question, in his letter, that if two coats of the preparation did not prevent leaking, the plaintiffs should supply another coat free of charge.

To this plaintiffs agreed. In a letter, special attention was called to any cracks which might develop due to settlement of the building. In order to specify definitely the exact terms of the contract, the defendant's letter with the plaintiffs confirmed his letter with the plaintiffs that a further coat should be applied only to the tiles to prevent leakage through the tiles, but that this should not apply to any cracks which might appear due to settlement of the building.

The roof at No. 4, Liberty Avenue, continued Mr. Armstrong, was laid flat with Canton tiles which appeared to be cemented together.

Work was ultimately carried out, and the two coats of "Texacoat" were applied towards the end of May. It was not until the end of July, following some heavy rains, that the defendant raised the question of there being anything wrong and the first formal objection was made by letter on August 10th.

The plaintiffs would contend that the contract was properly carried out, and that leakage occurred because of the jerry built nature of the premises whose roof was not watertight. In addition, plaintiffs offered to supply a further coat, and the offer was never taken up, and the money for the work done, and materials supplied had never been paid. The offer of a third coat of preparation still held good. The preparation with this roof was that, although the Canton tiles might be made waterproof with the "Texacoat," when it rained heavily there was a leakage where the tiles joined the parapet, due to the bad construction of the house and not to the fault of the plaintiffs.

## Manager's Evidence.

Mr. Douglas George Scott, the district manager in Hong Kong of the Texas Company, gave evidence, and stated that the preparation of "Texacoat," manufactured by his firm, had been on the local market for four or five years, and had been extensively used in Hong Kong. When the complaint was made, witness pointed out that it was usual to receive complaints much earlier after a job had been completed. Defendant replied that he had only just heard that leakage had occurred at No. 4, Liberty Avenue.

At this juncture, Mr. Vaux submitted that the contract had not been fully carried out, and that he had no case to answer. The question of leakage was one of fact, not law.

Mr. Armstrong: I suppose my friend is going to say that the stuff is no good?

Mr. Vaux: In this case I am only to say it has not been successful. I am not going to express any other opinion.

His Lordship commented that it had to be shown what the leakage was due to. The whole point seemed to be that there had been a leakage, and the defendant said that there had been a leakage through the tiles.

Mr. Armstrong: I don't think defendant alleges that the water went through the tiles. If he does we must call an expert to show that it is impossible for it to go through the tiles, after they have been treated with Texacoat.

Mr. Vaux: I have an expert in Court.

Mr. Armstrong: Who, the defendant?

Mr. Vaux: Yes.

Mr. Armstrong: I am afraid he does not count.

At this juncture a demonstration was carried out by Mr. Scott to show how water was absorbed into a non "Texacoat" treated Canton tile, and the effect of water on tile treated with this preparation.

His Lordship: Unless covered with "Texacoat!" (Laughter.)

"Texacoat," continued witness was not made to make tiles actually waterproof, unless the tiles were rigidly supported in the first place. It was impossible to make the tiles rigid in this case, and therefore they could not be properly waterproof. When he inspected the premises, the parapet was in fair repair, but showed signs of having been badly built. If the parapet was out of repair, water could leak from the roof through the parapet, and then under the roof.

Cross-examined by Mr. Vaux regarding a conversation between witness and defendant concerning the supply of "Texacoat," Mr. Vaux commented that one might say that witness approached defendant first.

Witness: Any aggressive firm does.

His Lordship: And you are an aggressive firm?

In further answer to Mr. Vaux, witness agreed that he had offered to apply a third coat of the preparation if two failed to prevent leakage.

Replying to another question, witness said he would expect the "Texacoat" to last longer than two months.

Mr. Vaux: Then why do you complain about the complaint not being lodged before?

After further cross-examination, Mr. Vaux submitted to witness that it was his duty, according to the contract, to apply the third coat of the preparation, following the complaint, without troubling as to whether the offer made by letter in December was accepted or not.

In answer to Mr. Armstrong, witness said to make a thoroughly satisfactory roofing job of it at this house, the roof would have to be replaced with a new one. This was what he would do if he were living there.

His Lordship: When you wrote the letter on May 8th, you expected to prevent the water going through the roof?

Witness: Yes.

After further examination, Mr. Vaux submitted that the case was premature, and that the contract had not been completed.

At this juncture, the case was adjourned until this afternoon, at three o'clock, it being intimated that there were three more witnesses for the plaintiffs, and two for the defence.

Mr. Armstrong went on to say that plaintiffs did not contract to make the tiles waterproof.

Mr. Scott, continuing his evidence, said as a result of defendant's complaints, he inspected the roof of the house in question, and his opinion was that the house was shockingly constructed, and the moisture came through the outer side of the parapet walls.

"To put a roof on the house to keep it dry," added witness, "is like a man being out in the rain in a bathing suit and a Bow-Water hat. He would get wet."

The roof itself was flat, pointed with cement on top. Canton tiles would not bear any great weight in the ordinary way, and were generally used only as a protective covering for buildings of first class construction. Underneath there was damp proof roof. It was important that underneath Canton tiles the roof should be damp proof.





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### GOLF.

#### CAPTAIN'S CUP FINAL.

Playing on the Old Course, Fanning, on Sunday, I. W. Shawan (1) beat J. S. MacLaren (19) in the final of the Captain's Cup by three up and two to play.

### YACHTING.

#### LADIES' SECTION RACE.

In the sail off of the tie of the Ladies' Championship in the Handicap Class, at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday afternoon, between *Colleen* and *La Linda*, both of whom had secured 43 points, *La Linda* won. *Colleen* thus goes second, and *Diana* is third, with 36 points.

The course yesterday for the two races—the second race was a Menagerie race for all classes—was Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rocks (P), Mark Boats on Line (P), Channel Rocks (S). The distance was 7.4 miles.

The results were as under, figures in parenthesis denoting the actual positions on corrected times:—

START AT 3 P.M. H. CLASS.

Finishing Times.	Corrected Times.
<i>La Linda</i> (1) .....	4:24.55
<i>Colleen</i> (2) .....	4:58.05

START AT 3.15 P.M.

Finishing Times.	Corrected Times.
<i>Diana</i> (3) .....	4:39.56
<i>Falcon</i> (5) .....	4:51.19
<i>Bluenose</i> (4) .....	4:57.51
<i>Daphne</i> (1) .....	4:53.13
<i>Thelma</i> (2) .....	5:02.36

### RUSSIA'S FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES.

#### A HUGE NATIONAL DEFICIT.

645,000,000 ROUBLES ON FIGHTING FORCES.

Considerable differences of opinion have arisen in the joint sittings of the financial specialists of the Soviet Peoples Commissars and the Soviet of Labour and Defence convened to pass the Budget of the U.S.S.R. for the present financial year. Revenue is estimated at 4,701,000,000 roubles (£470,100,000), of which more than one-half is from direct taxes.

M. Briukhanoff, the Commissar of Finance, considered that these figures were well founded, but Professor Bogolipoff Zangvill and others regarded them as problematical. Representatives of the Gosplan (the State Budget Commission) expressed themselves somewhat pessimistically on the Budget prospects, as economic development, although continuing, was considerably slackened in pace.

The exact final figures for expenditure are not published, but the *Gosplan* calculated them at 5,346,000,000 roubles (£534,600,000), thus showing the considerable deficit of 3,141,000,000 roubles (£314,100,000). The figures are therefore undergoing further revision.

The question of financing State industry engaged much attention, and the Government is clearly trying to give a sop to the Opposition, whose chief demand was intensified industrialization, but it was shown that the so-called *rymme* economy of 1926 yielded little, and administrative expenditure continues to be excessive. According to the *Gosplan's* estimates, expenditure on the army and navy was 645,000,000 roubles. A pessimistic tone pervaded the discussion on the internal credit of the Government, and it was considered useless to float new loans, as hitherto public interest in these has been very slight. The total loans hitherto amounted to 625,000,000 roubles (£62,500,000), which were mostly given by State enterprises, and only 100,000,000 roubles by private persons' establishments, including foreign concessionaries. The problem of how to cover the deficit is yet unsettled; representatives of the State Bank did not approve of new issues, and the Assembly pronounced the issues most undesirable because they would certainly jeopardize "Comrade Chervonetz."—*Times*.

### TOO MUCH "SAFETY FIRST"

A 5 PER CENT. NATION, SAYS MR. MITCHELL-HEDGES.

"There is too much 'safety first.' The love of adventure is dying out," said Mr. F. A. Mitchell-Hedges, the explorer, in a lecture to the Bank of England Library and Literary Society.

"Coming back from my travels, I see the tendency everywhere.

"We are really becoming a 5 per cent. nation. It was by speculation and adventure that we became a great Empire, and we ought all to strive to keep alive the spirit of adventure."

### FOOTBALLERS GREETED AT LEE THEATRE.

#### AN ANCIENT HONOUR ACCORDED.

#### THE "PROMOTION" STAGED.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

The East China football team from Shanghai visiting Hong Kong since January 31st was as we briefly stated yesterday "royally" entertained at Lee's Theatre on Sunday evening, when the members attended a performance and a dinner at the Lee Gardens, at which Mr. Lee Hysan was the host.

When the visiting football players entered the theatre, accompanied by the South China players and the principal officers of the local Chinese Athletic Associations, the performers suspended the programme and staged the special "Ka Kwoon," or "Promotion," one of the highest honours the actors could render their audience.

The principal actor, appeared in his full ceremonial court robe as the "prime minister" and saluted. In the old imperial days, the loyal greeting was, "His Majesty is well!" Since the Republic, however, this has been changed to "May the Republic last 10,000 years!"

Last Sunday evening the Yan Shau Nin Troupe saluted the Republic and coupled with it the names of the East China and South China football players. During the presentation of the "Promotion," several strings of fire-crackers were displayed, while the visiting and local football players applauded the players in appreciation of the honour accorded them, all standing as the greetings to the Republic were staged. This was believed to be the first exchange of greetings between a group of athletes and a theatrical troupe of such a reputation as the Yan Shau Nin.

More than 50 local Chinese and visiting athletes attended the dinner of Mr. Lee Hysan, who is vice-president of the South China Athletic Association.

Visitors Well Entertained.

The East China football team were motored round the New Territory yesterday afternoon by the local Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation. On returning to Hong Kong at five o'clock, they were guests at tea of the Chung Hua Ti Yuk Wai at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's restaurant. Mr. H. K. Li, Mr. A. Y. Young, and other officers of the Chung Hua received the guests and among those present were Mr. Yu Hong Chi, manager of the East China team; Dr. C. C. Yung, representing the National Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation; Mr. Mok Wing Yu, president of the South China Athletic Association.

The East China team is to depart for Shanghai by the *a.s. Empress of Russia* to-morrow. On the eve of their leaving the team will be the guests of honour at an official Interport Dinner under the auspices of the local Chinese Athletic Federation. All teams who have played the visitors will be present as guests of the Federation, and about 150 persons will be expected at the dinner which is to be given at the South China Restaurant, China Building.

### MACAO'S INAUGURAL RACE MEETING.

#### TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK-END.

As previously announced, the inauguration meeting of the Macao Race Course takes place next Saturday and Sunday, under the auspices of the International Race and Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd.

Entries for the meeting are understood to be very gratifying. A good response has been made, and included among the entries are some from race pony owners in Hong Kong.

The gates will be opened on Saturday, at 1 p.m. by Madame de Souza Barbosa, and the Governor, H.E. Sepher Arthur de Souza Barbosa, is to perform the ceremony of hoisting the colours of the Club. There will also be an address of welcome delivered by the President of the International Race and Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd.

Following the afternoon's racing, a dance is to be given by the Macao Race Club, in the evening.

### HUSBAND AND WIFE CHARGED.

#### CHICKENS OR OPIUM?

#### "CANNOT LOCK UP WIVES NOWADAYS."

A Chinese married couple appeared, on remand, before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of unlawful possession of 21 tins of prepared non-Government opium.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ, defending the man, said that the woman had pleaded "guilty" and had taken full responsibility for the presence of the opium in her house.

Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, said that he was not prepared to accept that as a plea for the acquittal of the man.

Mr. Lindell: Very well. I will hear evidence.

Senior Revenue Officer George Wait said that at 8.30 a.m. on February 9th he went to No. 7, St. Francis' Yard, where the two defendants lived. Underneath a tile in the floor, he found the opium which formed the subject of the charge. Witness also found a number of account books and photographs of the two accused.

Mr. J. D. Lloyd produced a number of account books which he proceeded to translate.

Mr. Russ: I don't know how far this is evidence. We are not charged with conspiracy.

Mr. Lindell: A husband and wife cannot conspire.

Mr. Lloyd said that he thought he had evidence to show that the man was dealing in opium.

Mr. Lindell: The point is, how far can you connect the first defendant with possessing this opium. The fact that his wife had it does not necessarily mean that he had it. I cannot take evidence of duress.

Mr. Russ: You cannot lock up your wife now-a-days.

His Worship: Quite.

Continuing, Mr. Lloyd said that in one of the account books found on the premises, it was shown that the man had a \$600 interest in a firm at Sai Ying. The firm purported to deal in cattle, but other account books contained some entries of chickens at \$2.40 each. These, Mr. Lloyd contended, could not actually refer to poultry on account of the price, but could easily intend to convey "Chicken Brand" opium.

Mr. Russ: I submit that there is no definite evidence for the conviction of the first defendant. The 2nd defendant has admitted possessing the opium. The prosecution put in a number of books which may or may not be connected with sinister traffic, but that cannot convict the man for possessing this opium.

Mr. Lindell: I see your point.

Mr. Russ: Yes, you may have a very strong opinion as to what actually was being carried on by the man, but that cannot convict him for possessing this opium.

Mr. Lindell eventually decided that he would consider the matter, reserving his decision until noon to-morrow.

### THE SENSITIVE SEX.

[By Pamela Paul.]

When the ordinary man reads or sees on the stage an amusing or perhaps somewhat ironical picture of an individual or a scene he immediately says to himself, "Now isn't that like old Jones?" or "That is exactly what that silly Smith would do!"

The ordinary woman reading precisely the same passage murmurs, "I'm sure I'm not so foolish as all that!"

Man, the egotist, rarely applies any criticism to himself. He reads or listens always as an outsider; he is essentially impersonal. Woman, with her receptive mind, her habit of self-analysis, and perhaps because of her eternally feminine desire to please, is ever on the lookout for criticism; and if she feels that the cap can by any means be stretched to fit herself, then she wears it and feels somewhat hurt in the process.

Most men care little for the opinions of their chance acquaintances, but to a woman the approval or disapproval of even somebody whom she will probably never meet again is a matter of importance. Sensitive and easily wounded, she too often allows trifles to bring real unhappiness.

But this sensitiveness has its uses. It is this very capacity for suffering which provides her with that wonderful power of giving comfort and that gentle understanding tenderness which have been an inspiration and a harbour of refuge to countless millions of men.

### ENGLAND'S 7,700 NEW FIRMS.

#### LAST YEAR'S REGISTRATIONS.

#### GREAT JUMP IN CAPITAL.

During last year 7,707 companies were registered at Somerset House, with a capital of £203,493,414. In point of number of firms the registrations were fewer than those of the previous year, but the capital was in excess of the £192,901,464 of the 8,028 concerns registered in 1925 by no less than £80,598,950. It may be recalled that in returns published recently in the *Board of Trade Journal* it was shown that the number of companies in England at the end of 1925 was roughly 90,000.

Commenting upon the year's statistics in their annual report, Messrs. Jordan and Sons, of Chancery-lane, state: "The first impression on glancing at the figures must be one of surprise that, in a year remembered chiefly for a great industrial upheaval and the longest and most costly stoppage in a vital industry which Great Britain has ever experienced, 7,797 new companies have been registered, with the aggregate capital of nearly 203½ millions, although it is true that by no means all of this vast sum is 'new money,' and much of it represents amalgamations and reconstructions."

#### Big Figures.

"The close of the year especially has been remarkable for the registration of a succession of public companies with large nominal capitals, one capital (£85,000,000) being the large *bona-fide* original nominal capital ever registered. A larger nominal capital was registered once (£100,000,000, in 1869, by the 'Common Fund Limited'; but that was in the days when there was no *ad valorem* duty on capital, and 'thinking in millions' was cheap. As a matter of fact, the subscribed capital never exceeded £200. There is now no need to ask whether a nominal capital of £85,000,000 is *bona-fide*, inasmuch as the duty payable thereon amounts to the enormous sum of £850,000. That a promoter will sometimes endeavour to avoid large payments of duty by registering with as small a capital as possible, is evidenced by a company registered late in 1925, the capital of which was only £400 in preference and Ordinary shares. The Preference shares of this company rank first for a dividend of 70 per cent., while the Ordinary take 50 per cent. dividend before the Preference participate further, and, on a distribution of assets in a winding-up, the Preference rank first, and the Ordinary next, for 1,000 per cent. on their paid-up capital. This clearly indicates that each nominal £1 share is considered to be worth £10.

#### "Millionaire" Companies.

"The total number of 'millionaire' companies registered during the year was twenty, eight of them in the first half-year. In the case of the twelve in the second half, the capitals total no less than £28,400,000, against £20,000,000 of the eight. Comparing the figures for the year under review with those for the preceding year we find that the exceptionally large capitals towards the close of the year have resulted in the aggregate capital of public companies jumping from £29,908,135 in 1925 to £144,960,144 in 1926, and the aggregate capital of companies of both classes from £122,901,464 to £203,493,414. The number of both public and private registrations shows a 'very slight decay,' and the capitals of private companies total only £28,538,270, against £82,993,909 in 1925."

The following classified table of registrations during 1926 gives the totals above two millions sterling:

Classes.	registered.	Capital.
Banks .....	50	£3,218,800
Chemists .....	323	87,657,392
Clothing .....	623	8,589,970
Electric, gas, and water .....	244	2,837,408
Engineers .....	408	4,500,465
Farmers and planters .....	81	3,523,025
Food .....	609	7,722,984
Insurance .....	39	2,696,250
Iron, brass, etc. .....	232	2,076,978
Land and houses .....	311	8,186,053
Merchants .....	215	3,184,560
Mines .....	211	13,634,100
Motors .....	408	7,571,143
Newspapers .....	78	7,405,100
Rubber .....	65	4,490,905
Stocks and bonds .....	233	15,843,848
Trusts .....	494	7,983,914
Textiles .....	51	7,106,520
Tobacco .....	51	7,106,520
<b>Totals</b> (all classes) .....	<b>7,707</b>	<b>£203,493,414</b>

Corresponding figures in 1925 8,028 £192,901,464

Average per Company. Both Public and Private.

1926 ... £28,538,270 £3,724,228

1925 ... £110,123 £2,417,218

### CASUALTIES IN BRITISH MINES.

1,128 KILLED IN 1925.

#### LARGELY DUE WORKERS' CARELESSNESS.

How many lives are lost each year in the coal mines of Britain because sufficient care is not observed in working and because insufficient use is made of safety-first devices is disclosed in the survey for the year 1925 of the Secretary of the Mines Department and of his Majesty's Chief Inspector of Mines.

Among the causes of fatalities enumerated by the Chief Inspector are the employment of naked lights instead of safety lamps, carelessness and foolish recklessness on the part of the workers, lack of organisation in the maintenance and working of machines, and dislike of the mining community of adopting new devices.

The toll of the pits during 1925 was not so great as in the previous year. A total of 1,128 persons lost their lives, while 177,347 were injured. The figures for 1924 were 1,108 killed and 194,777 injured. This reduction is shown to be due not to greater care, but to a decrease in the numbers of persons employed, as is illustrated by results on the basis of man-shifts worked. The following table gives the figures for the last four years:

	Killed per 100,000 man-shifts worked.	Injured per 100,000 man-shifts worked.
1922 .....	0.39	68.3
1923 .....	0.41	67.3
1924 .....	0.38	62.9
1925 .....	0.40	63.9

The Chief Inspector examined in detail the different forms of accident. Discussing those accidents due to the use of naked lights in mines where normally little fire-damp is found, he observes:—

"There can be no doubt that all these accidents could have been prevented had safety lamps been in use instead of naked lights. The remedy is simple, but it is contended that were it applied, the result would be a more than equivalent number of accidents from other causes, e.g., falls of roof and side, and in haulage operations. This argument was proved to be unsound by the Divisional Inspector for Scotland (Mr. John Masterton) in his report for the year 1924, and it also has been dealt with on other occasions. There is thus a source of accident which by simple means could be eliminated; it is not eliminated because the change from naked lights to safety lamps is resisted by owners of collieries and by workmen, and the law is not strong enough to allow of the change being enforced."

#### Need For Electricity.

Three explosions during the year were due, the report says, to the misuse of electrically driven cutting machines, and in reference to these the Chief Inspector emphasises the necessity for the employment of electrically worked machines. He says:—

"Each of these accidents shows a lack of organisation either in respect of maintenance and working of the machines, or of a proper control of the conditions under which the machines were used. I believe that the economical working of many many seams of coal must depend upon the use of machines driven by electricity. I also believe that the operation of such machines can be carried out with safety."

No fewer than 247 miners were killed and 60,280 injured during the year by falls of ground, and in his comments on these cases the inspector expresses surprise that the use of steel props is not general.

Again, discussing the accidents due to haulage operations underground, the inspector declares that many of these could have been prevented. Twenty-nine persons, he points out, were killed when illegally riding on tubs or sets of tubs, and ten when illegally riding on haulage roads. "Many haulage accidents," it is remarked, "are the result of the carelessness of the workers, and such carelessness, which means 'taking a chance,' will exist for all time."

The same note is struck in the reference to other types of accident. With regard to accidents arising in the use of explosives, the inspector says that were a little more care taken and a little more respect paid to the requirements of the Explosives in the Coal Mine Orders, accidents from explosives would be reduced to vanishing point.

### ECONOMY!

During a recent law case a china and earthenware dealer, spoke of a peculiarity shown by shoppers. "If I charge 8d. for a cup and saucer, they won't buy," he said, "but if I put a cup in a basket at 6d. and a saucer in another at 2d., they will buy."



BRITISH WIRELESS  
ACTIVITIES.

## INVENTORS BUSY.

PROGRESS IN VALVES AND  
AMPLIFIERS.

[BY A LONDON CORRESPONDENT.]

Since the public has become accustomed to broadcasting, loud-speakers in conjunction with microphones and amplifiers are being pressed more and more into service in connection with open-air demonstrations where the human voice or music has to be amplified in order to reach extensive audiences. In election speeches and other similar occasions it has been found of enormous advantage for the speaker to be able to talk with a microphone and have his voice amplified and distributed by means of loud-speakers.

At His Majesty's Theatre, in London, an amusing entertainment is carried out by Melville Gideon, of "The Co-Optimists," which serves to bring home to the public the possibilities of amplifying the human voice. A Marconi-Reisz microphone is installed on the piano in front of Melville Gideon on the stage, and though he sings intimate and sentimental songs in a confidential way into the microphone, a stentorian voice is reproduced by means of Marconiophone loud-speakers installed elsewhere on the stage. This little turn is meeting with great success, and indicates clearly the extreme efficiency of the Marconiophone systems of loud-speaker reproduction. *The Wireless World* of January 10th described the method in which this little act at His Majesty's Theatre is conducted.

## The Robust Modern Valve.

In the manufacture of valves to-day there is considerable competition and, apart from the general requirements of efficiency of the valve in operation, robustness of construction is a very important consideration, especially where valves are to be used in circumstances where they are subjected to rough handling as, for example, when they are used in portable equipment either for private or military purposes.

A very interesting experiment was recently carried out with a number of "Cosmos" valves with the object of testing their robustness. A number of finished specimens were selected haphazardly at the Works, numbered, tested for amplification and emission, and packed in ordinary cartons. They were then taken up in an aeroplane to a height of about 600 feet and dropped, one by one, in their ordinary cartons. Of the twelve valves thrown out, one was smashed to fragments through hitting the tail plane, one was lost, and the remainder were taken back to the works for testing. The results of the test were illuminating, and undoubtedly proved the efficiency, from the point of view of strength, of the co-axial method of mounting the three elements. When the valves were brought to the testing bench at the works, the filament was found to be intact in every case, while one valve was discovered to be perfectly normal in every respect. In the majority of the valves, however, the amplification factor had dropped, due to the slight displacement of the electrodes, but nearly every specimen was found to give a reasonable result when tested on a set. A new line of research was suggested by the discovery that one specimen had increased its emission by twenty-five per cent.

## Progress in Loud-Speaker Design.

The progress in the design of the loud-speaker has been so rapid since the commencement of broadcasting that, though doubtless finally has not been reached, the modern instrument is so efficient that manufacturers have greater time to pay to appearance. The "Amplion" loud-speakers, which have achieved a world-wide reputation, were originally all of the standard horn pattern, but recently Alfred Graham, have designed new models in which the horn itself is concealed and the appearance of the instrument is distinctly handsome, making it an attractive piece of furniture. The first of these types was the "Radio-lux," which is now well-known, just recently a new model, known as the "Amplion Cabinet," has been brought out which is specially designed to take its place on the mantelpiece, as it is of oblong box construction, and this will probably prove to be one of the most popular "Amplion" models yet produced.

Excellent results are being secured in bringing crystal signals up to loud-speaker strength by means of the ingenious Crystal Amplifier, marketed by S. G. Brown, of Acton. No valves are used, the only source of local power required being a 4½ volt. dry battery.

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STRONGEST MAN IN THE  
WORLD.ASTONISHING FEAT WITH  
MOTOR-CAR.

## £1,000 CHALLENGE.

Who is the world's strongest man?

The claim to the title of the Samson of the Age is likely to be decided in London when Herman Carl Gerner arrives from South Africa.

Gerner is considered to be the strongest man of the century, and his manager, Mr. W. A. Pullum, is prepared to back him for £1,000 against all comers at universally recognised weight-lifting tests.

He hails from Germany. He performs a wonderful motor-car feat. He stands erect and supports a heavy gangway with his shoulder. A closer, containing seven passengers, and representing a total weight of nearly two and a half tons, runs along the gangway. Gerner allows the car to run along the gangway over his head—a feat which it is believed has never before been attempted by strong man in this or any other country.

## Merry-Go-Round.

Gerner can write his name with a weight of 110 lbs. suspended from his thumb, and he can support a merry-go-round with eight men while he lies on his back. The apparatus along is so heavy that four men are needed to carry it.

Mr. Pullum said:—"Ruling out stunt feats altogether, I am prepared to back Gerner against all comers for £1,000. He is the veritable superman of the age."

tery. The instrument is easily adjusted and successfully gives full loud-speaker volume with fidelity of reproduction.

Broadcasting For The Hospitals. Broadcasting has made a vast difference to the lot of patients in hospitals, and this is perhaps particularly true of the children's wards, for a normally active child finds time hang heavily when in bed, and is seldom imbued with the stoicism of its elders.

Hospital installations must, however, be absolutely reliable. At the Newcastle Infirmary an interesting feature of the latest Marconiophone installation is a special Verner Time switch to guard against any oversight in putting the charging switch in overnight. This apparatus switches the set on at the correct time and switches it off when the transmission is over. Then it automatically switches the batteries on to charge, keeps a record of the amount of energy put into them, and when they have reached a satisfactory state of charge, which is considered satisfactory, switches them off again to await the next day's work.

Many of the largest hospitals in London are equipped with Mullard valves, which are giving good results under strenuous conditions, for there is little or no time for maintenance. However, a record of 10 months' service of 8½ hours a day for seven days a week is sufficient proof of their reliability, and this record means some 2,560 hours of pleasure for the patients.

Mullard valves have an enviable reputation for longevity, for a Dorset clergyman recently announced that one of his original valves had at last given out after 4,250 hours of useful life.

A World's Record In Efficiency. Some very impressive figures have been issued in the test certificate of the six volt. Tungstone accumulator submitted to the National Physical Laboratory. The cells were received at the Laboratory in charged condition and after receiving an initial charge of 5 amperes for one hour, were submitted to the following cycle of operations:—

- (1) Discharge at 5 amperes until the voltage on e.s.d. circuit fell to 1.8 per cell.
- (2) Re-charge at 5 amperes for the same period of time as (1).
- (3) Discharge at 5 amperes until the voltage on closed circuit fell to 1.8 per cell.
- (4) Re-charge at 5 amperes for the same period of time as (3).
- (5) Discharge at 5 amperes until the voltage on closed circuit fell to 1.8 per cell.

The results of the observations showed an ampere hour efficiency of 80 per cent. and a watt hour efficiency of 83 per cent. Ampere hour efficiency is, of course, the amount of electrical current given out by any battery in proportion to the amount put in by the dynamo, and watt hour efficiency is the stored amount of electrical energy or power given out as demanded in proportion to the amount put in by the dynamo.

It is a matter for congratulation that these exceptional efficiency figures stand to the credit of this essentially British product.

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF  
REVOLUTION.

## THAT CASE OF WHISKY.

MR. MITCHELL HEDGES'  
AMUSING EXPERIENCES.

The lecture which Mr. Mitchell-Hedges broadcasted from SLO, "Revolutions in Central America," could be included among the humorous items for which there is such a demand, for the tragic incidents were relieved by laughable stories.

Landing at the port of one of the larger Republics on the West Coast of Central America, Mr. Mitchell-Hedges stated that he found a revolution in progress. He photographed the ragged army of 40, and was at once arrested. In jail he had swarms of companions, who must have been very hungry. In the morning he demanded to see the Commandante.

"Shortly" after, Caesar himself arrived in person," proceeded the lecturer. "I whispered in his ear 'I have a case of whisky on board.' Aladdin's magic lamp never worked as a greater miracle. I was his dear friend, his longest brother. I re-paired to the ship, which was still in harbour, with a guard of honour. (Incidentally, I imagine the guard was really sent to see I did not escape.) I got the case of whisky, and it was carried to the Commandante's house; and from being thrown into jail for offending the dignity and majesty of the army by photographing it I became the honoured guest of his Excellency."

## Reds And Blues.

In another revolution Mr. Mitchell-Hedges found that the two opposing armies were known as the Reds and the Blues, each combatant wearing either a blue or red band on the hat. As soon as the Blues saw that the Reds were getting the better of it, into their pockets went the hands of the Blues, off came the blue ribbons from their hats, and a red one promptly replaced it. For all the soldiers carried both colours. The result was that there was not a single Blue soldier left in the town—they were all Reds!

## "Great And Glorious Victory."

Mr. Mitchell-Hedges on one occasion accompanied the Commandant-Chief when a certain army was inspected prior to their marching to meet the rebels. The troops left the city under showers of flowers and thirty kilometres away met the rebel army, but not a shot was fired.

That night the General in command of the Federal troops sent a note to his dear friend, the General in command of the rebel army, and invited him over to dinner. They drank and played poker till the early hours of the morning. The next night the General of the rebel army reciprocated. That went on for a full week, while the two armies, all joined up in one, had an awfully good time together. Finally the two opposing Generals embraced one another, and the Federal army returned to the capital, having won a great and glorious victory and captured one mule, while the rebel army dispersed to their homes, having also won a great and glorious victory and captured one rifle.

"CARINTHIA" PASSENGERS  
COMPLAIN.AUSTRALIA'S CHILLY  
WELCOME.

When the American tourist str. *Carinthia*, carrying her 300 passengers, arrived in Melbourne a number of passengers expressed resentment at the attitude that was taken up towards them by a section of the Press in Auckland and in Sydney. A woman passenger, who is a prominent member of the General State and City Federation of Women's Clubs, and who resigned the city chairmanship of the federation just before leaving America, said that her fellow-passengers had not expected the reception they had received, and did not think it was justified. "It is the stinging ridicule that we resent," she continued. "Whatever the feeling towards Americans may be, I think there should be a change of sentiment when we come as visitors. Many of us would have been glad if we had never visited Australia. We regard the attitude of certain papers as unjust and unfair. It is something of a shock to come so many thousands of miles, looking forward with pleasure to a participation in seeing a new and prosperous nation, and to be received with disrespect and ridicule."

## PASSENGERS.

## DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. *President Taft*, for San Francisco via ports, on February 13th:—Mr. Purcell, Mr. Chandler, Mr. A. W. Barclay, Mrs. T. K. Jones, Master David Jones, Mr. T. J. Jones, Master T. K. Jones, Jr., Mr. D. W. Egner, Mr. J. E. O'H. Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe, Mr. David Lewis, Miss M. Lewis, Master Geo. Lewis, Miss R. Lewis, Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Lewis, Master B. Lewis, Miss S. J. Davis, Mr. G. V. Holt, Mr. R. R. Buckenfield, Mr. A. Harvey, Mr. Davies, Dr. G. G. Taylor, Mr. A. W. Kent, Mr. A. Gerondal, Mr. G. H. Bowker, Miss F. Van Benchooten, Mr. S. S. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Roberts, Mr. Y. W. Lee, Miss Levison, Mr. A. Tidman, Miss Alleyne, Mr. S. A. Moser, Mr. J. W. Taggart, Mr. H. Walker, Mr. A. Quicke, Mr. W. Bay, Mrs. M. Brandstatter, Miss L. Bashamias, Mrs. Hilton, Mrs. C. Stockell, Mr. J. Luther, Miss A. S. Mayhew, Mrs. M. A. Pick, Miss S. E. Pick, Mrs. Scott, Miss Vernon, Dr. P. R. Verzona, Capt. R. E. Willoughby, Mrs. W. E. Willoughby, Mr. S. Funderburk, Lieut. and Mrs. E. M. Quigley, Mrs. R. A. Ward, Miss G. Ward, Mrs. J. R. Goodale, Mr. C. E. Pemberton, Miss E. J. R. Price, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Barnes, Mrs. J. Craft, Miss M. Gibson, Miss H. Gibson, Mr. C. Gibson, Mrs. E. Knudler, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lipscomb, Mrs. J. La Vina, Miss C. La Vina, Mr. C. Moise, Mrs. H. G. Moise, Master F. Munoz, Mr. A. McGrath, Miss L. Oglebay, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Simmie, Mrs. E. W. Wynne, Mr. H. A. White, Mrs. L. A. White, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Wright, Master T. W. Wright, Mr. H. W. Foster, Mrs. S. S. Foster, Miss E. E. Foster, and Miss E. Foster.

## BOYS' "MYSTERY CLUB."

## SHEED AS HEADQUARTERS.

When three boys were charged at Manchester with theft a police witness stated that he found a tool shed furnished with a table, a whisky bottle with candle in it, a pack of cards, and a book containing the names of the gang and instructions to the "Mystery Club." One of these instructions was that club badges made of mohair wristlet bands stolen from a store must be worn under cover. The shed had been used without the owner's permission, and a lock put on it. In a drain pipe were found two flash lamps, three brooches, and two pairs of opera glasses, all stolen from a party who, while in the garden, had found other stolen property, including a sledge hammer and a spade.

After being severely admonished, the leader of the gang was placed on probation for twelve months, and the other two lads were discharged with a caution. "Take them to see the whipping stool," said the chairman to the officer as the boys left the court.

CLEARING SINGAPORE'S  
SLUMS.BOARD TO PREPARE  
SCHEMES.

The Singapore Improvement Bill, was introduced to the Legislative Council on February 6th for its first reading. The Objects and Reasons state:—The object of this Bill is to constitute a Board of Trustees with power to take measures for the improvement of the Town and Island of Singapore, with particular reference to housing accommodation, means of communication and insanitary areas. The Board's method of procedure will be by improvement schemes. When a scheme has been approved by the Governor in Council, it will be carried into execution by the Board or by some other authority named in the scheme or, possibly, by persons whose property is affected by it.

It will be the duty of the Board to prepare plans of the whole of the Town and Island of Singapore, showing all principal means of communication which are in existence and all building schemes authorised, regular lines of streets prescribed and back lanes set apart or ordered to be laid out under Ordinance No. 125 (Municipal). If at any time the Board desires that any area shall be reserved for a projected open space, road or other means of communication, or desires to prescribe a regular line of street, it may proceed by means of an amendment of the Plan.

## An Improvement Rate.

The ordinary revenue of the Board will consist of an improvement rate to be levied by the Municipal Commissioners in lieu of the existing improvement rate, and of a half-yearly contribution from the revenues of the Colony of an amount equal to the proceeds of the improvement rate for the preceding half-year. It is anticipated that the cost of improvement schemes will be to some extent reduced by requiring contributions from the owners of property the value of which is enhanced by the execution of such schemes. The Board will possess borrowing powers.—*Singapore Free Press.*

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SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN  
HONG KONG.

## FOR FEBRUARY, 1927.

STANDARD TIME OF THE 120th  
MERIDIAN, EAST OF  
GREENWICH.

February	Sunrise	Sunset
15th...6.56 a.m.	6.30 p.m.	
16th...6.55 "	6.30 "	
17th...6.55 "	6.21 "	
18th...6.54 "	6.21 "	
19th...6.53 "	6.21 "	
20th...6.52 "	6.22 "	
21st...6.52 "	6.23 "	
22nd...6.51 "	6.23 "	
23rd...6.50 "	6.24 "	
24th...6.49 "	6.24 "	
25th...6.49 "	6.25 "	
26th...6.48 "	6.25 "	
27th...6.47 "	6.26 "	
28th...6.47 "	6.26 "	

## SHIPBUILDERS.

## SHIP REPAIRERS.

## BOILER MAKERS.

## FORGE MASTERS.

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are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Heli's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignee's risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Heli's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 14th February.

Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 21st February, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 6th March, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

14th February, 1927. [4557]

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Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays in the Free Storage period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 4th March, 1927, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co., Agents.

Hong Kong, 12th February, 1927. [4556]

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## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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## THE Motor Vessel

## "GLENAMOY"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence, and/or from the wharves, Delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 18th February, 1927, at Noon, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Packages are to be left in the Godown where they will be examined in the presence of Consignees by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on 17th February, 1927, at 10 a.m. Claims against the Steamer including those for Cargo short delivered must be presented on the Special Form provided, and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

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Hong Kong, 11th February, 1927. [4547]

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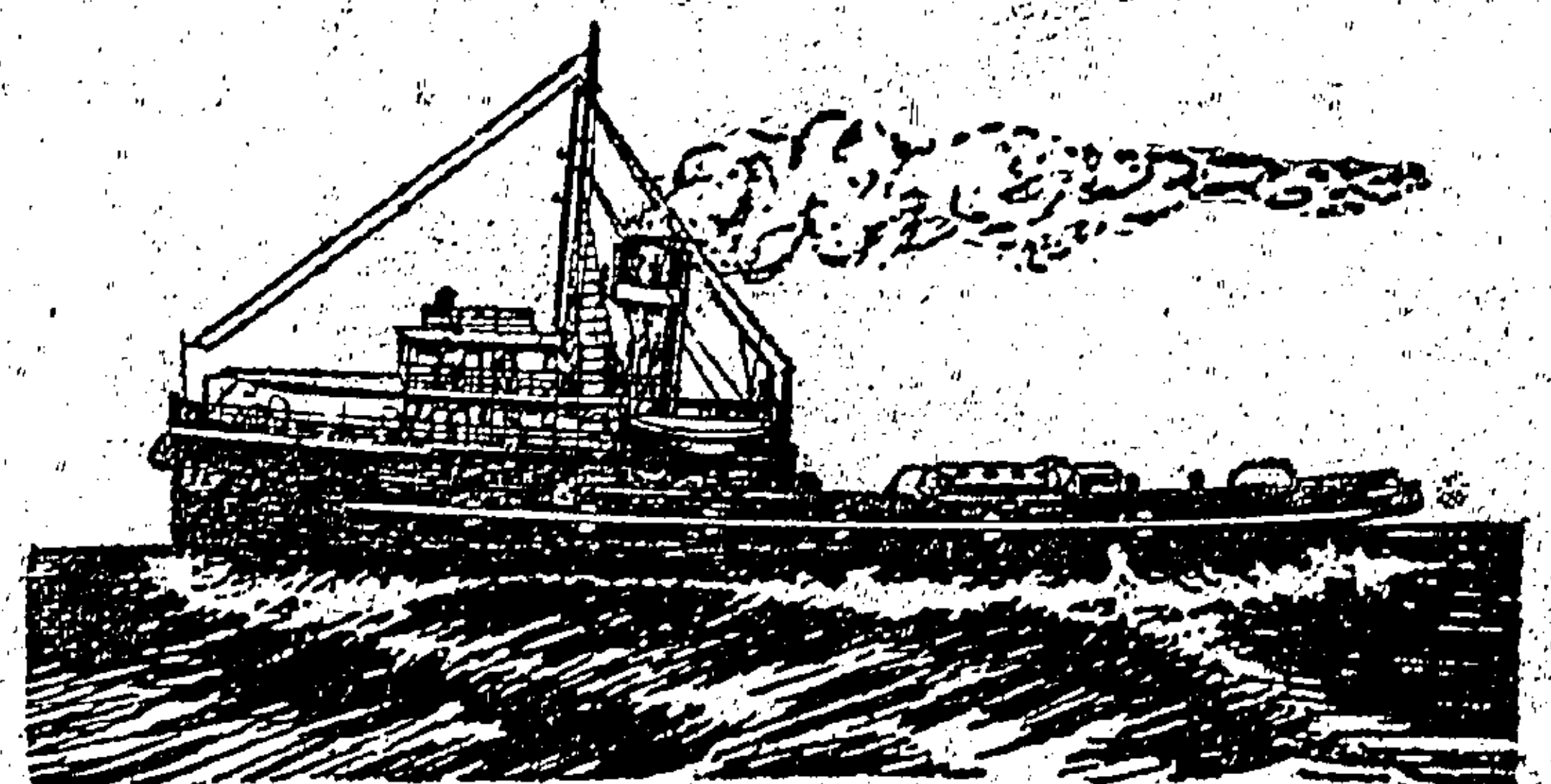
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HONGKONG	"KALGAN"	On 15th Feb.	4 p.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"SUIYANG"	On 16th Feb.	6 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, OHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUPEH"	On 16th Feb.	6 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KWANGTUNG"	On 17th Feb.	6 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"KIUKIANG"	On 17th Feb.	Noon
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"CHINHUA"	On 17th Feb.	4 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"IOHANG"	On 20th Feb.	Noon
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KIANGSU"	On 20th Feb.	Noon
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"SZCHUEN"	On 22nd Feb.	6 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"ANKING"	On 23rd Feb.	8 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SINKIANG"	On 24th Feb.	Noon
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"TEAN"	On 24th Feb.	Noon
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUNNING"	On 26th Feb.	6 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"YINGHOOW"	On 27th Feb.	Noon

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**Sailings from Hongkong.**

S.S. "PELEUS"	Via Suez Canal	25th February.
S.S. "CITY OF BRISTOL"	Via Suez Canal	5th March.
S.S. "ATREUS"	Via Suez Canal	25th March.
S.S. "TEUCER"	Via Suez Canal	8th April.

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**ARRIVALS.**

February 15th.

Yankee Arrow, American str., 4,000 tons, Capt. J. Anderson, from San Pedro and Manila, lying at Leichikok—Standard Oil Co.

February 15th.

Derwent, Chinese str., 1,569 tons, Capt. E. Jones, from Swatow, with 5 tons of crackers, lying at buoy No. A10—Yuet On S.S. Co.

Fingal, Norwegian str., 1,343 tons, Capt. N. Bull, from Melsom, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. C49—M.S.R.

Hanoi, French str., 330 tons, Capt. L. Cluchot, from Port Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C11—Messageries Maritimes.

Oakworth, British motor ship, 3,043 tons, Capt. J. J. Smith, from Salaverry and San Pedro, with 7,500 tons of sugar, lying at Taikoo Wharf—Dodwell &amp; Co.

Tatsuno Maru, Japanese str., 4,229 tons, Capt. K. Horikawa, from Kobe and Hio, with a cargo of sugar, lying at buoy No. A8—N.Y.K.

Tjimonnek, Dutch str., 3,510 tons, Capt. H. de Jonge, from Balikpapan, with sugar and general cargo, lying at buoy No. A24—J.C.J.L.

Yalthing, British str., 1,424 tons, Capt. C. A. Robertson, from Tientsin and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at West Point Wharf—Jardine, Matheson &amp; Co.

February 14th.

Changtai, Chinese str., 1,115 tons, Capt. W. Soli, from Shanghai and Swatow, lying at buoy No. C43—Karsten Larsen &amp; Co.

Chung Hing, Chinese str., 240 tons, Capt. Leung Sau Kong, from Kwang Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C42—Hong On S.S. Co.

Dumputo, Norwegian str., 1,430 tons, Capt. E. N. Johnson, from Bangkok and Kohsichang, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. B22—Karsten Larsen &amp; Co.

Lai Sang, British str., 2,223 tons, Capt. W. Field Hook, from Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Jardine, Matheson &amp; Co.

President Monroe, American str., 10,533 tons, Capt. A. Ahman, from San Francisco and ports, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Dollar S.S. Line.

Taikoo Maru, Japanese str., 2,197 tons, Capt. T. Ishida, from Hiohwa, with a general cargo, lying at O.S.K. Wharf—O.S.K.

**CLEARANCES.**

February 14th.

Asama Maru, for Canton.  
Adriatic, for Shanghai.  
Borneo, for Hongkong.  
Changtai, for Manila.  
Chung Hing, for Saigon.  
Fingal, for Bangkok.  
Hanoi, for Kwang Chow Wan.  
Hany Cheong, for Bangkok.  
Jade, for Hiohwa.  
Kinsan Maru, for Canton.  
Limehow, for Shanghai.  
Livingstone, for Bangkok.  
Ourworth, for Vancouver.  
President Monroe, for Manila.  
Taikoo Wanyi, for Hongkong.  
Yankee Arrow, for San Francisco.  
Yat Shing, for Canton.

**PASSENGERS.**

ARRIVALS.

Per S.S. President Monroe, on February 14th:—From San Francisco and ports:—For Hong Kong: Mr. Gus Apfelbaum, Mr. Sten Bergman, Mr. Charles D. Culbertson, Miss Lizette A. Fisher, Baron E. Guillaume, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hestford, Miss Valerie Hestford, Mr. Wong Ting Lein, Mr. William E. Liebetrau, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred D. Midgley, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph A. Mowatt, Mr. Frederick A. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Smith, Mr. Wm. B. M. Tilley, Mr. Julian Van Wylick, Mr. Richard Winder, and Miss Lois E. Winder. Among passengers passing through on their way to Manila were: Mr. C. H. Burkman, Miss B. Beck, Mr. G. H. Calhoun, Mr. and Mrs. Enol E. Crocker, Miss Mary Gage, Miss Mary Hartzell, Rev. Paul F. Janson, Mr. F. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. N. Johnson, Mr. E. D. Kellogg, Mrs. C. F. Lewis, Miss Z. Lewis, Mrs. M. M. Randolph, Rev. and Mrs. Lee L. Rose, Mr. E. H. L. E. Sachs, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Velazquez, and Mr. James W. Wilson. For Singapore: Judge and Mrs. C. Hale, Mr. R. Harden, Miss D. Harden, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lear, Master D. Lear, Miss E. L. McLaughlin, Mrs. L. T. Poyson, Mr. L. Quaberg, Miss S. R. Rollins, Mr. H. Rothwell, Mrs. A. C. Steel, and Mr. H. D. Wilson. For Penang: Mrs. C. Willsher. For Colombo: Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Browne, Col. and Mrs. G. J. Denis, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Thom, and

**SHIPPING MOVEMENT.**

The P. & O. s.s. Mongolia left Singapore for this port on the 12th inst., with the inward English mails, and is due here on the 17th inst., at about 8 a.m.  
The P. & O. s.s. Malva, from Hong Kong, arrived in London on February 10th.  
The P. & O. s.s. Nyansa left Singapore for Hong Kong on the 12th inst. at 5 p.m., and is due here on Saturday, the 19th inst., about 6 a.m.

**WEATHER REPORT.**

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.35 p.m.

The anti-cyclone over S.W. Japan has weakened. The typhoon is about 100 miles S.W. of Yap, moving westward. Moderate monsoon may be expected over the N. China Sea.  
Local forecast:—E. winds, moderate, overcast, some drizzle or mist.

**WITHIN CALL.**

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong yesterday:—President McKinley, Sphinx, Portos, President Monroe, Changtai, Chungtu, Kalgan, Solviken, Franklin, Shirala, Yankee Arrow, Tjimonnek, Seang Bee, Rohna, Empress of Scotland, Sui Tan, Tatsuno Maru, Nagapore.

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PRESIDENT MADISON	Tuesday, Mar. 29th, 10.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT JACKSON	Tuesday, Apr. 12th, 10.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT McKINLEY	Tuesday, Apr. 26th, 10.00 a.m.

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Mar. 15	San Francisco	Olympic	Apr. 22	Brighthelmton
Mar. 22	Seattle	Geo. Washington	Apr. 29	Brighthelmton
Mar. 29	San Francisco	Hemlock	Apr. 30	Brighthelmton
Apr. 6	Seattle	Leviathan	Apr. 30	Brighthelmton
Apr. 12	San Francisco	Aquitanian	May 11	Brighthelmton
Apr. 20	Seattle	Majestic	May 14	Brighthelmton

**TO SEATTLE AND VICTORIA VIA SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.**

"THE FAST SHORT ROUTE"

PRESIDENT McKINLEY	Wednesday, Feb. 16th, 5.00 p.m.
PRESIDENT LINCOLN	Wednesday, Mar. 9th, 10.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT CLEVELAND	Wednesday, Mar. 23rd, 10.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT PIERCE	Wednesday, Apr. 6th, 10.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT TAFT	Wednesday, Apr. 20th, 10.00 a.m.

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PRESIDENT WILSON	Tuesday, Mar. 1st, 8.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT VAN BUREN	Tuesday, Mar. 15th, 8.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT HAYES	Tuesday, Mar. 29th, 8.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT POLK	Tuesday, Apr. 12th, 8.00 a.m.

Thereafter Fortnightly Sailings on Tuesdays.

TO MANILA.

PRESIDENT MONROE	Feb. 16th, 8.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT JEFFERSON	Feb. 21st, 8.00 p.m.
PRESIDENT LINCOLN	Mar. 1st, 8.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT WILSON	Mar. 1st, 8.00 p.m.
PRESIDENT GRANT	Mar. 7th, 8.00 p.m.

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TSINGTAO via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"FOOSHING"	Wednesday, 16th Feb., at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALOUTTA	"SUISANG"	Wednesday, 16th Feb., at 3 p.m.
HAIPHONG	"MINGSANG"	Thursday, 17th Feb., at 10 a.m.
SANDAKAN	"HINSANG"	Thursday, 17th Feb., at Noon
STRAITS & CALOUTTA	"NAMSANG"	Saturday, 19th Feb., at 3 p.m.
OSAKA via SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	"HOSANG"	Sunday, 20th Feb., at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN	"CHIPSING"	Sunday, 20th Feb., at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN via SWATOW, SHANGHAI & OHEFOO	"YINGSANG"	Sunday, 20th Feb., at 7 a.m.
CANTON	"HOPANG"	Thursday, 24th Feb., at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAO via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"HOPSANG"	Sunday, 27th Feb., at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN	"CHEONGSHING"	Thursday, 3rd Mar., at Noon
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Saturday, 5th Mar., at 1 p.m.
OSAKA via MOJI YOKO- HAMA & KOBE	"KUMSANG"	Tuesday, 15th Mar., at 7 a.m.

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Motor Vessel "GLENAPP"	... ..	3rd March.
Motor Vessel "GLENLUCE"	... ..	20th March.
Steamship "CARMARTHENSHIRE"	... ..	31st March.
Motor Vessel "GLENBEG"	... ..	14th April.

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**NEXT SAILINGS.**

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From Hong Kong.

M.V. "BEMO"	... ..	Sails on or about 3rd March
M.V. "ESQUILLINO"	... ..	Sails on or about 31st March
S.S. "VENEZIA"	... ..	Sails on or about 28th April

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HAICHING	... ..	Friday, 19th February, at 1 p.m.
HAISING	... ..	Tuesday, 22nd February, at 2 p.m.

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EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Feb. 18	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Mar. 6
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 3	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPEROR OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPEROR OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 20	July 29

(E/Asia and E/Russia call at Nagasaki the day after departure from Shanghai).

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## Shipping News

Week-End Statement, Shipping Notes, Vessels Expected, etc.

## WEEK-END FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOCAL AND THROUGH CARGOES DOWN.

## BRITISH ENTRIES DECREASED

General merchandise landed here and carried for ports beyond Hong Kong during the week-end was below the average. The number of British vessels arriving into the harbour also decreased; there being only 6 arrivals within 48 hours.

## Sunday's Statements.

During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Sunday, there were only 5,027 tons of general cargo discharged here, of which, 1,171 tons were brought by the British steamer *Nagapora* from London and Singapore. The best carried was the *a.s. line* (French) which brought 2,000 tons from Haiphong.

Through cargoes amounted to 12,640 tons. Of these 5,925 tons were carried in three British bottoms. The *a.s. Nagapora*, from London and Singapore, carried 4,660 tons.

## Yesterday's Returns.

Further decrease in both local and outports cargoes was shown in the returns made to the Harbour Office by vessels arriving here during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday.

Local imports of general cargo amounted to only 2,571 tons, with 252 tons on two British steamers. The only four figure carrier was the Dutch steamer *Tjimonck*, which brought 1,691 tons from Batavia and Balikpapan.

Cargoes manifested for ports beyond Hong Kong totalled 7,720 tons. Of these, 1,177 tons were carried in two British bottoms. The Japanese vessel *Tatsuno Maru*, from Kobe and Ito, carried the best freight. She had no less than 5,270 tons on board.

During the 48 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, there were 25 arrivals and 33 departures. Their nationalities were: British 6 arrivals and 8 departures; Japanese 7 arrivals and 7 departures; Norwegian 2 arrivals and 3 departures; Chinese 5 arrivals and 5 departures; Dutch 1 arrival and 2 departures; French 3 arrivals, American 1 arrival and 3 departures.

Vessels in port during the same period totalled 69, of which 32 were British.

## VESSELS EXPECTED.

*Antenor* (Blue Funnel), due March 2nd.  
*Unica* (Blue Funnel), due March 17th.  
*Delhi* (Swedish East Asiatic), due March 2nd.  
*Empress of Asia* (C.P.R.), due February 25th.  
*Bumay* (Blue Funnel), due March 27th.  
*Hector* (Blue Funnel), due April 2nd.  
*Meriones* (Blue Funnel), due tomorrow.  
*Mungulia* (P. & O.), due February 17th, about 8 a.m.  
*Nygnia* (P. & O.), due February 19th, about 6 a.m.  
*Oldenburg*, due this morning.  
*Polypheum* (Blue Funnel), due March 7th.  
*President Jefferson* (D.S. and A.M.L.), due February 19th.  
*President McKinley* (D.S. and A.M.L.), due to-day.  
(Continued on next column).

## SHIPPING NOTES.

The master of the ferry launch *Man Yee* was fined \$10 or ten days' hard labour by Lieut.-Comdr. G. F. Hole, at the Marine Court yesterday morning "for failing to observe the rules of the fairway."

The *a.s. President Monroe*, which is on a voyage to Europe and the United States, arrived here yesterday from Shanghai. The liner brought 22 cabin passengers for Hong Kong, and carried over 70 through passengers bound for Manila, Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez, Port Said, Alexandria, Naples, Marseilles and New York. The *President Monroe* sails this evening for Manila.

With a cargo of 3,030 tons of coal and 150 tons of bricks for Hong Kong, and 1,000 tons of coal for ports beyond the Colony, the Norwegian steamer *Corona*, on a voyage from Chinwangtao to here, collided with a fishing junk. The wreck, which is in position 22deg. 49' N. 110deg. 27.5' E., is considered dangerous to navigation.

The total number of deck passengers entering Hong Kong during the 48 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was 441.

The Norwegian vessel *Corona*, arriving from Swatow, during the week-end, reported being in collision with a junk off that port. Four members of the junk's crew were rescued and five are reported missing.

*President Wilson* (D.S. & A.M.L.), due February 17th.

*Rheuvor* (Blue Funnel), due March 1st.

*Truist* (Blue Funnel), due March 13th.

## HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, Feb. 14th.

Day	at 2 p.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 10 p.m.
Barometer	30.03	29.99	29.93
Temperature	62	59	63
Humidity	66	91	81
Wind	ESE	Calm	ESE
Direction	0	0	0
Force	0	0	0
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.02

Highest open-air temperature, 13th: 62  
Lowest open-air temperature, 14th: 59

B-Blue sky; C-Cloudy; D-Drizzle; F-Fog; L-Lightning; M-Mist; O-Overcast; P-Passing showers; Q-Squalls; R-Rain; T-Thunder.

## HONG KONG TIME TABLE.

From February 15th to 21st, 1927.

Day	Time	High Water	Low Water
Tue. 15	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Wed. 16	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Thur. 17	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Fri. 18	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Sat. 19	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Sun. 20	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Mon. 21	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.



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SPHINX	...	...	15th Feb.
ARGOB	...	...	1st Mar.
POPHUS	14th Jan.	16th Feb.	15th Mar.
PAUL LECAT	29th Jan.	3rd Mar.	29th Mar.
G. METZINGER	11th Feb.	16th Mar.	12th April
AMAZONE	25th Feb.	30th Mar.	26th April

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"KALYAN"	9,144	19th Feb. Noon	Marseilles, London & B'bay.
"NELLORE"	8,853	22nd March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MANTUA"	10,902	25th March	Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	8,005	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp, Hamburg & Rotterdam.
"NAGPORE"	5,233	16th March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"NYANZA"	7,033	16th March	Marseilles and London.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	18th March	Marseilles and London.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"KHYBER"	9,114	5th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	16th April	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"DELTA"	8,097	27th April	Marseilles and London.
"MALWA"	10,930	30th April	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"NELLORE"	8,853	11th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"KHYBER"	9,114	14th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"NYANZA"	7,033	20th May	Marseilles and London.
"MUREKA"	10,198	23rd May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"KASHGAR"	8,005	11th June	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,902	25th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	3rd July	Marseilles and London.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	23rd July	Marseilles and London.

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"SHIRAZ"	7,841	4th March	do.
"GAMBHIRA"	5,257	18th March	do.
"TAKADA"	6,949	24th March	do.
"TALAMBA"	8,010	21st March	do.

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Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TANDA"	6,956	4th Mar.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	1st April	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	20th April	do.
"TANDA"	6,956	3rd June	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	1st July	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	29th July	do.

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"MONGOLIA"	16,504	18th Feb. 6 a.m.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"NYANZA"	7,033	19th Feb. Noon	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"GAMBHIRA"	5,257	25th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKADA"	6,949	8th March	Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"KHYBER"	9,114	11th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TALAMBA"	8,010	12th March	Kobe.
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"DELTA"	8,097	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"JEYPORE"	7,448	12th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NELLORE"	8,853	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KHYBER"	9,114	16th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NYANZA"	7,033	23rd April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MUREKA"	10,198	29th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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